

# SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES



**Peter Burnett**

Peter recently completed his PhD in environmental policy and law and has been appointed as an Honorary Associate Professor in the College of Law. From 2000 to 2013 he held a number of senior leadership positions in the Federal Department of Environment and worked on a diverse range of policy and regulatory issues including the reform of the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act



**Carolyn Cameron**

Carolyn Cameron is an experienced senior executive and has held leadership positions with Australian, Victorian and New South Wales government departments of environment, primary industries and land use planning. Her current role is Principal at Cameron Strategies, providing highly focused strategic advice and policy development on environmental management issues. Her clients for this role include the Department of the Environment and Energy, GBRMPA, Jacobs and Alluvium.



**Nicola Rivers**

Nicola Rivers is the Director of Advocacy and Research at Environmental Justice Australia, where she engages with grassroots environment groups and local communities around Australia to protect our right to clean air. Nicola is an advocate for strong legal protection for Australia's natural places and wildlife under state and national laws.



**Nick Thomas**

Nick is a Partner at Clayton Utz with 15 years' experience in the field, including: planning and environmental impact assessment, pollution control, land contamination, biodiversity and environmental protection.



**Nick Withers**

Nick is the Director of Withers Environmental Risk Strategies (WithERS); helping clients to prevent, reduce or manage their environmental risks in commercially prudent and sustainable ways, and so as to improve this generation's legacy for future generations. He is also the Vic General Secretary for Labor Environment Action Network; a grassroots network which aims to influence the policies of ALP and Labor parliamentary caucuses to support strong action on climate change and the environment.



**Lauren Butterly**

Lauren is a Senior Solicitor for the Environmental Defenders Office in Perth; she holds a Bachelor of Arts (History) focusing on Indigenous history and has served as Principle Associate to Chief Justice Wayne Martin of the Supreme Court of WA. She is the current Commissioning Editor of the Australian Environment Review and has written numerous book chapters and articles on environmental law and native title.