

# NATIONAL BIODIVERSITY OFFSETS CONFERENCE 4.0

*Nature Positive by 2030: Integrity,  
Restoration and Net Gain in Action*

4-6 August 2026 | Hotel Realm, Canberra

## WELCOME RECEPTION | MONDAY 3 AUGUST 2026

5.30pm - 8.00pm Ostani Bar and Restaurant, Hotel Realm

## DAY ONE | TUESDAY 4 AUGUST 2026 | Setting the direction. Policy, Law and Beyond Compliance.

8:40am - 8:50am	<b>WELCOME TO COUNTRY</b> with Bradley Bell
8:50am - 9:00am	<b>WELCOME</b> and housekeeping   Dr Garry Middle - Chair, National Biodiversity Offsets Conference Technical Committee
9:00am - 10:00am	<b>OPENING PANEL</b>   Nature Positive vs Net Gain - what are we trying to achieve? Professor Martine Maron - UQ, Dr Megan Evans - UNSW, Dr Laura Sonter - The Biodiversity Consultancy, Todd Edwards - Fortescue
10:00am - 10:30am	<b>MORNING TEA</b>
10:30am - 11:30am	<b>FIRESIDE CHAT</b>   Senator David Pocock with Nick Thomas, Clayton Utz Delivering credible nature positive outcomes through environmental reform
11:30am - 12:30pm	<b>PANEL SESSION</b>   Examining the EPBC Act reform, draft offsets standards, compliance and integrity mechanisms and the role of the future Commonwealth EPA Nick Thomas - Clayton Utz, Professor Justine Bell-James - UQ, Lee McIntosh - Francis Burt Chambers, Sarah Brugler - UTAS
12:30pm - 1:30pm	<b>LUNCH</b>
1:30pm - 3:05pm	<b>PLENARY SESSION</b>   Achieving nature positive – the role of the law, business and policy <b>PLENARY SPEAKER</b>   NSW Land and Enviro Court representative <b>PLENARY SPEAKER</b>   Anthony Lean - NSW Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water <b>PLENARY SPEAKER</b>   Professor Brendan Wintle - University of Melbourne <b>PLENARY SPEAKER</b>   Banking representative
3:05pm - 3:30pm	<b>AFTERNOON TEA</b>
3:30pm - 4:30pm	<b>PANEL SESSION</b>   The future of offset delivery for business - what does industry need to deliver infrastructure? Nicole Conroy - Infrastructure NT, Gigi Yuen - Melbourne Airport, Dave Fleming - Inland Rail, Daniel White - Transgrid
4:30pm - 7:00pm	<b>POSTER SESSION &amp; NETWORKING EVENT</b>

## DAY TWO | WEDNESDAY 5 AUGUST 2026 | From policy to practice: design, delivery and implementation

7:30am - 7:40am	<b>WELCOME</b>   Recap of Day 1										
7:40am - 9:00am	<b>BREAKFAST SESSION</b>   NSW Biodiversity Offsets Scheme John Seidel and Thomas Munro - NSW Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water Victoria Nolan - NSW Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water Michelle Cox - NSW Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water Samuel Luccitti - NSW Biodiversity Conservation Trust										
9:00am - 9:10am	<b>COFFEE BREAK</b>										
9:10am - 10:00am	<b>KEYNOTE SPEAKER</b>   Associate Professor Joe Bull - Oxford University										
10:00am - 10:25am	<b>PLENARY SPEAKER</b>   Dr Judy Dunlop - Curtin University Delivery of Offsets in Practice: planning and implementing offsets that deliver genuine conservation outcomes										
10:25am - 10:50am	<b>PLENARY SPEAKER</b>   Adrian Ward - CEO Accounting for Nature										
10:50am - 11:15am	<b>MORNING TEA</b>										
11:15am - 12:35am	<b>PLENARY SESSION</b>   Net gain, nature positive, nature markets and mechanisms Harriet Tomlinson - Arup Carolyn Cameron - Cameron Strategies Thomas Wright - KBR Laura Sonter - The Biodiversity Consultancy										
	<b>PANEL SESSION</b>   The Nature Repair Market: intent, purpose and outcomes Alison McMorrow - DCCEEW, Dr Megan Evans - UNSW, Raf Wood - Silva Capital, Cuong Tran - Covalent Land Australia										
1:05pm - 2:00pm	<b>LUNCH</b>										
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3:45pm - 4:15pm	<b>PLENARY SPEAKER</b>   Teagan Johnson - Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions Partnering with First Nations people and industry to deliver conservation outcomes in the Pilbara, Western Australia										
4:15pm - 4:45pm	<b>PLENARY SPEAKER</b>   Dr. Claire Doll - University of Western Australia What does success look like – 'best practices' for offset system design and implementation?										
4:45pm - 5:15pm	<b>PLENARY SPEAKER</b>   Steve Lynch - Trust for Nature Offsets that work: monitoring and compliance										
5:15pm - 5:20pm	<b>DAY 2 CLOSE</b>										
7:00pm - 10:00pm	<b>CONFERENCE DINNER</b>   Guest speaker: Dr Anika Molesworth										

## DAY THREE | THURSDAY 6 AUGUST 2026 | Evidence, outcomes and integrity

9:00am - 10:00am	<b>KEYNOTE SPEAKER</b>   Professor Martine Maron - University of Queensland										
10:00am - 10:30am	<b>PANEL SESSION</b>   Offsets Funds Jessica Richings, Pilbara Environment Offsets Fund   Mick O'Flynn, NSW Biodiversity Conversation Trust   Blaine Wentworth, DCCEEW   Zita Fewster, SA Dept of Environment and Water										
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12:15pm - 1:10pm	<b>LUNCH</b>										
1:10pm - 2:00pm	<b>PANEL SESSION</b>   The future of biodiversity offsets in Australia: policy, market evolution, First Nations and next steps Meredith Henderson, Ecological Aust   Alicia Michael, Rio Tinto   Niblia Adams, DCCEEW   Amanda Griffith, Niche										
2:00pm - 3:00pm	<b>WORKSHOP</b>   Should offsets be synonymous with Nature Positive? <b>CHAIR</b>   Garry Middle										
3:00pm - 3:20pm	<b>AFTERNOON TEA</b>										
3:20pm - 4:50pm	<b>WORKSHOP</b> Nature Repair Market Methods hosted by the Commonwealth Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water										
4:50pm - 5:00pm	<b>CLOSING COMMENTS</b>										

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