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## COMING TO THE RESCUE! ENVIRONMENTAL PRACTICE IN THE 21ST CENTURY 2008 ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE ENVIRONMENT INSTITUTE OF AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND

The 2008 EIANZ annual conference is being held on Thursday and Friday 30 and 31 October in Melbourne at the Langham Hotel in 'hip and happening' Southbank. This year's conference will comprise a Professional Development day on Day 1 and a full Plenary Conference on Day 2. The focus of the conference will be the four key issues surrounding us today – Sustainability, Climate Change, Water and Biodiversity.

We are pleased to advise that the following leading environmental authorities will be presenting at the conference:

- The Hon Gavin Jennings MLC – Victorian Minister for Environment & Climate Change
- Professor Tim Flannery – former Australian of the Year and adjunct professor at Macquarie University
- Professor Peter Matthews OBE – global environmental authority
- Professor Tor Hundloe – Emeritus Professor of Environmental Management at University of Queensland
- Mr Andrew Stock – Executive General Manager of Origin Energy
- Dr Alan Pears – world renowned energy efficiency specialist.
- Dr Sue Briggs – Principal Research Scientist – DECC Woodland Ecology Unit at CSIRO Sustainable Ecosystems
- Dr Mark Burgman – renowned leading world expert on risk assessment in ecology.

Discussions are currently being held with the Hon Peter Garrett MP – Federal Minister for the Environment, Heritage and the Arts. Other speakers are yet to be confirmed

The two-day conference will follow the following program:

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## Editorial

# REDUCING THE CARBON FOOTPRINT



The release of the much-publicised Garnaut report has led to what is probably an unprecedented level of interest within the media and the Australian community in an environmental issue, namely carbon trading and its economic and social ramifications. Opinion polls suggest that the majority of Australians want governments to act on addressing climate change issues, although only a small proportion of the community may have any real understanding of how actions to address climate change may impact on the lives of themselves or their descendents.

There are numerous approaches for addressing climate change concerns and the optimum solution is likely to be a combination of these. The most basic is what I would term *good environmental hygiene*, such as not wasting electricity, making efficient use of car travel or avoiding it where possible, and recycling waste material. Such practices have been promoted by environmental organisations for decades and more recently by governments. One might expect that anyone who is likely to respond to them would be doing so by now.

Until carbon trading hit top billing recently, much of the climate change debate was focused at the technological level, with proponents of alternatives to fossil fuel pushing their cases for political support and funding. Solar, wind, hydro, tidal, geothermal, biofuels and nuclear power have all been promoted as at least partial solutions to the greenhouse gas problem, but all have their own environmental problems or economic challenges. There are many in the community who support one or more of these new technologies, but probably not so many who are prepared to pay for them or to accommodate them in their own 'backyards'. There is also the pragmatic limitation of how to make such energy switches in a short time-frame.

The recent emphasis on carbon trading seems to have diverted attention, at least temporarily, from technological solutions, but fundamentally depends on planting lots of trees in areas where they would not otherwise be planted, then leaving them in the ground indefinitely. While this approach may have environmental side benefits, particularly for habitat regeneration, it can also conflict with other environmental objectives. For example, inappropriately sited tree plantings could further reduce the extent of endangered and nationally protected native grassland communities, a possibility to which some advocates of such planting schemes are apparently oblivious.

An increasing number of climate change professionals now recognise that at best only a partial solution to arresting climate change is now achievable, and are putting greater emphasis on adapting to changing conditions. Indeed, the EIANZ itself has recently received Commonwealth Government funding for climate change adaptation training over the next three years (see page 4).

With climate change being addressed on so many fronts, it surprises me that so little attention is being paid to the most obvious solution, namely reduction of consumption. Practically all goods and services that we use contribute to carbon emissions in their production, transport, use and disposal. As discussed so effectively by Clive Hamilton and Richard Denniss in their 2005 book, *Affluenza*, much of the overconsumption that is endemic in western society does not actually improve quality of life. I suspect that most Australians who have not already done so could halve their consumption without experiencing any real hardship. If this leaves them with too much disposable income, there are plenty of charitable organisations within Australia or overseas which could use the surplus effectively, and there are ways of spending money on oneself which are relatively benign in terms of carbon emissions.

What can environmental practitioners do to promote such a mindset? Throughout my professional career, there have been occasions where I have convinced a proponent to abandon a project or significantly reduce its scale because of its potential environmental impacts relative to the importance of the project. Such impacts have generally been fairly obvious in terms of their biophysical or social nature but there is no reason why the same approach could not be adopted in the context of carbon emissions.

While an individual project that can be foregone or scaled down without real hardship is unlikely to result in an identifiable benefit in the big picture, a comparable argument to the 'death by a thousand cuts' one that applies to the cumulative impact of numerous small developments is relevant. The test of 'do I really need it?' is equally applicable to development at the corporate level as it is to individuals in our overconsuming society, and environmental practitioners should encourage this line of thinking.

David Hogg  
Editor



## FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

As this newsletter goes to press we are all still digesting the Garnaut Report and the potential implications and impacts from an emissions trading scheme. We desperately need good environmental outcomes, to sustain our systems, but they will only come with good environmental policy and good environmental practice. The Institute is in the space of developing good environmental practice by developing good environmental practitioners. As many of you would know, it is extremely difficult to get new staff to work on all the projects and initiatives currently being undertaken around Australia and New Zealand. As the needs for emissions reporting and trading unfold there will be a further increased need for good environmental practitioners. The Institute will need to help ensure that there are ethical, competent and adequately trained people in this area. If you wish to make comment on the Report for inclusion in an Institute-wide response, or comment on how the New Zealand model is unfolding, please do so. Our External Relations Committee will be collating thoughts responding to the Report.

There have been a number of recent changes within the Institute, both at a personnel level as well as in relation to new and exciting initiatives.

With respect to personnel changes, we have a new Treasurer, Mr Michael Chilcott, who will be the Treasurer through to the 2009 AGM. We also have a new Executive Member, Mr Nick Kariotoglou. The Executive has been one member short since the October 2007 AGM. The Council recently approved the creation of a position of 'Special Projects Officer'. This has been filled by Nick, who will hold this position until October 2008 at which stage it will be re-advertised after a further 12 months term.

Unfortunately, the position of Development Manager did not work out. The Council has decided not to make another appointment to this position for the time being. This position will be re-evaluated by the Council at the October 2008 Council meeting. Anne Young from the Central Office has stepped up and has taken on a number of extra duties — thank you Anne.

We have initiated a number of events and actions over the past couple of months. These include:

- The winning of a Department of Climate Change training grant for Climate Change Adaptation training, worth \$150,000 over 3 years (see page 4).
- A significant number of Institute members

attended the International Association for Impact Assessment 38th Conference in Perth in May. It was a fantastic event with over 750 participants. A hundred of the participants were sponsored from developing countries. This was an exciting initiative and is something I would like to see the Institute adopt. All in all, it was a great conference and was well organised. A big thank you to Ms Kerry Laszig, the WA Divisional President, who was our Conference Committee delegate – it was fabulous. Thank you Kerry.



- The organising of the Annual Conference in Melbourne on 30-31 October 2008 is well underway (see page 1). The program has one day devoted to Professional Development, with keynote speakers discussing our most urgent issues on the second day.
- The Impact Assessment Special Interest Section and the CEnvP Board are currently considering the adoption of a certification process for Lead Impact Assessors and Lead Administrators.
- We have now started an Ecologists Special Interest Section. If you operate in ecology, biodiversity or natural resource management you may wish to consider joining this section. Please see the website for further details.
- The Institute has a new benefactor relationship. Greencap Limited, a publicly listed Risk Management Group have recently signed a Benefactors Agreement (see page 6). I would like to thank the Greencap Board of Directors for this initiative.

There are many other initiatives happening within the Institute. Many of which are considered urgent. However, as a voluntary organisation with limited funds, we can only do a number of things, and unfortunately only slowly. If you wish to help or see aspects of environmental management implemented quicker, we need your help. Please watch for advertisements for more helpers on our various Standing Committees.

**Bill Haylock**  
President



# 2008 EIANZ ANNUAL CONFERENCE

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Day 1 (Thursday 30 October 2008) will comprise a series of concurrent workshops conducted including the following topics:

- Environmental Certification
- STEP Program – developing the environmental professional from student to practitioner
- Environmental Ethics
- Environmental Law – Licensing & Permits
- Corporate Sustainable Reports
- Risk Management & Insurance
- Environmental Management Plans
- Environmental Education
- Climate Change Skills Training
- Impact Assessment
- Ecologist Special Interest

A cocktail party to launch Professor Tor Hundloe's book, *From Buddha to Bono – Seeking Sustainability*, is planned for the end of Day 1.

Day 2 (Friday 31 October 2008) will be a full plenary conference held in the following four key sessions:

- Sustainability
- Climate Change
- Water
- Biodiversity

Each session on Day 2 will comprise three speakers, each presenting for approximately 25 minutes, with an hour long panel discussion session prior to lunch and prior to closing, comprising the six speakers of the morning sessions and six speakers of the afternoon sessions. These sessions are to be facilitated by noted environmentalist Rob Gell.

This year's conference promises to be the best yet. Registration and brochure will be available shortly. Enquiries regarding the conference should be forwarded to Anne Young at [office@eianz.org](mailto:office@eianz.org).

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## BEST PRACTICE BIBLIOGRAPHY

The preparation of the first edition of the EIANZ environmental best practice bibliography is nearing completion. The current draft lists above 600 Australasian or international best practice documents and more are expected to be added before the publication date, which is planned for later in the year.

The work to date has been undertaken by Dr Dona Whiley and her assistants at the University of Queensland as part of a contract to EIANZ from the Queensland Department of Tourism, Regional Development and Industry. The final stage of the current project will include developing a reader-

friendly form of presentation for users of the bibliography.

The contributions by some members of suggested publications for inclusion in the bibliography are appreciated. There is still time to accept further suggestions during the review of the current draft. These may be sent to David Hogg at [dhpl@bigpond.com](mailto:dhpl@bigpond.com).

Because of the large number of publications available, it is not anticipated that the first edition of the bibliography will be comprehensive. The EIANZ plans to undertake regular updates, which will be made available primarily in electronic form.

## CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION GRANT

The EIANZ has been awarded a \$150,000 grant under the Australian Government's *Climate Change Adaptation Skills for Professionals* small grants program. The funding is spread over the next three years, to formulate a professional development kit and develop a suitable short course on climate change adaptation. The Institute will work with partner organisations to develop new tools and training materials, and will deliver at least one professional development event in each Division.

An initial committee of Simon Cavendish (SEQ), Tony Petersen (Professional Development Committee Chair) and Justin Sherrard (External Relations Committee Chair) has prepared a draft business plan and budget for the management of the grant. These are currently being reviewed by the Executive.

There are expected to be ample opportunities for members to get directly involved in the process, to assist with the identification of environmental practitioners' needs, to help review materials and tools as they are developed, and to be part of local teams that will drive delivery of the materials. Please let the Central Office know if you are interested or have skills and experience that may assist in this process.



# EIANZ WELCOMES NEW BENEFACTOR



We are pleased to announce that, as of 1 July 2008, Greencap Limited has joined the Environment Institute as a Benefactor Sponsor.

Greencap is listed on the Australian Securities Exchange (ASX code is GCG) and is the parent entity to a number of successful, well established and highly regarded companies in the Risk Management area.

The Greencap group (refer [www.greencap.com.au](http://www.greencap.com.au)) currently consists of:

- **Noel Arnold & Associates Pty Ltd (NAA)** a long established and successful business, operating nationally in multi-disciplinary Risk Management sectors; ([www.noel-arnold.com.au](http://www.noel-arnold.com.au))
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- **ECC Pty Ltd** a specialist Legionella, water and energy management consulting group ([www.eccptyltd.com](http://www.eccptyltd.com));
- **Validus Group Pty Ltd** a rapid response biological sciences company specialising in fauna & flora monitoring and management ([www.validusgroup.com.au](http://www.validusgroup.com.au));

and the most recent addition to the group:

- **Environmental & Licensing Professionals Pty Ltd** (incorporating their training arm – Muddy Boots) – a well respected specialist environmental consultancy offering environmental licensing and approvals, title and tenement management capability (including native title and cultural heritage), environmental management systems developments and emissions reporting. [www.elp.com.au](http://www.elp.com.au) and [www.muddyboots.net.au](http://www.muddyboots.net.au)

Greencap is very active in identifying further acquisitions in the Risk Management and related sectors. The group is about helping organisations to manage risks in relation to people, property and environments - these are fundamental mission critical solutions required and the Greencap group of some 350 employees in eight offices are well qualified to manage this.

Successful private businesses are attracted to join the Greencap group because the acquired business continues to operate within an autonomous environment, i.e. they keep their same trading name, management team, culture, premises etc but they are able to broaden their sphere of activity and influence within an expanded service delivery skill set to national clients.

The Benefactor Agreement broadly sets out the roles and responsibilities between the Institute and Greencap. It is the Institute's intention to develop mutually beneficial long term relationships with Greencap. If you require further information please contact Central Office or for more information on Greencap Limited please contact their Melbourne-based Managing Director, Jeffrey Broun, anytime on 041 993 4623.

## CERTIFIED IMPACT ASSESSMENT PRACTITIONER

The Impact Assessment Special Interest Section (IA-SIS) in association with the EIANZ Certification Board is developing a process for the certification of impact assessment practitioners within the CEnvP framework.

It is proposed to adopt the International Association for Impact Assessment (IAIA) guideline for Lead Impact Assessment Professionals as the criteria for this certification. Discussions were held with IAIA representatives during the Perth conference to agree on terms for using this guideline.

A working group within the IA-SIS is being formed to progress the certification process with the CEnvP Board. Any members of the IA-SIS who are interested in participating in this working group should contact the Convenor, Bryce Skarratt at [Bryce.Skarratt@ghd.com.au](mailto:Bryce.Skarratt@ghd.com.au) or phone 07-3316 3523 or 0407 077 275.



# REFLECTIONS ON IAIA08

## David Hogg

The 38th Annual Conference of the International Association of Impact Assessment (IAIA08) was held in Perth in May and attracted over 750 delegates from 90 countries. The IAIA last held its annual conference in Australia in 1988, shortly after the Environment Institute of Australia was formed. IAIA08 provided the first opportunity for many existing EIANZ members to attend the conference on home soil, and attracted a healthy attendance by those members involved in the impact assessment field.

The Conference was well supported by the Commonwealth Department of Environment, Water Heritage and the Arts, which sponsored the attendance of several environmental practitioners from developing nations in the Pacific region, as well as many of its own staff.

A significant difference between this conference and most of those that EIANZ members attend was that it offered the opportunity to compare the standard of environmental assessment in Australia with that in other countries. In this respect, I formed the impression that Australia cannot regard itself as a world leader.

One thing that struck me on first reading the conference program was the large number of sessions devoted to strategic environmental assessment (SEA). While these words may have been around for a long time, the practical application of SEA is still in its infancy in Australia. Many other countries, particularly those in the European Union, seem to be moving ahead in developing SEA as an environmental planning tool, although its implementation still has a long way to go in achieving the desirable outcomes.

SEA, as practised around the world, tends to be focused at the policy level, and is not readily linked to project-based impact assessment in which many environmental practitioners are involved. While SEA attracted a large amount of session time in the concurrent sessions, the other 'big picture' topic of cumulative impact assessment (i.e. the cumulative effects of multiple smaller projects) hardly rated a mention. Perhaps nobody has worked out how to handle this.

A recurring theme in much of the discussion was frustration with the limitations of traditional impact assessment processes. One consultant that I spoke to has opted out of such work because of its ineffectiveness in achieving good environmental outcomes, and now focuses on proactive environmental planning – a move with which I can strongly empathise. Australian impact assessment

processes (particularly those in New South Wales) were frequently criticised in discussion by local delegates.

One feature of IAIA operation which was reflected in the conference structure is the streaming of impact assessment into Sections that cover different types and aspects of impact assessment. These are similar in concept to the Special Interest Sections within EIANZ, but are even more specialised. Topics covered by these Sections include SEA, social impact assessment, health impact assessment, biodiversity and ecology, and several others. Each of the Sections had its own sessions, as well as a Section meeting, during the Conference.

From an EIANZ viewpoint, one of the pluses of IAIA08 was the opportunity to strengthen ties with IAIA at a formal level. The topic of certification for impact assessment was also pursued in relation to what is occurring in other countries. This is being followed up by the Impact Assessment SIS (see page 5).

Overall, I found the Conference to be probably the most useful environmental conference that I have attended. With twelve to fourteen parallel streams of papers, it was difficult to find a time when there was not a presentation of particular interest. The interaction with working-level practitioners at an international level provided fresh views into a process which has become inbred in Australia since the 1970s and has suffered as a result. Those local



*EIANZ President, Bill Haylock, opening the EIANZ Roundtable held during the IAIA08 Conference.*





*Chair of the Professional Development Committee, Tony Petersen, and WA Division President, Kerry Laszig, at the IANZ Roundtable.*

impact assessment practitioners who did not attend missed a great opportunity to refresh their professional outlook.

From an organisational perspective, IAIA08 appeared to run very smoothly. While there were many people involved in its organisation, I was particularly impressed by energy and enthusiasm of the Chair of the IAIA08 Steering Committee, Angus Morrison-Saunders. He seemed to be constantly on the go throughout the Conference, without showing any signs of tiring. Thanks very much for your efforts, Angus, as well as all those others who worked behind the scenes.

I had just one criticism of IAIA08, namely that the registration satchel contained 1.75 kg of printed material that was unsolicited, not directly relevant to the Conference and mostly not of interest to me. I expect that a large proportion of the 1.3 tonnes of such material distributed to delegates would have found its way unread into recycling or waste bins. It seems incongruous that a professional environmental organisation cannot find a better way of making such material available to interested readers without contributing to the type of wasteful practice that it normally condemns.

The IAIA08 online conference proceedings are nearing completion at <http://dev.iaia.org/cp/index.aspx>. The proceedings include fully refereed conference papers, plenary presentations, session reports and much more.

## IAIA09 IN GHANA

The 2009 IAIA Conference will be held in Accra, Ghana on 23-29 May 2009. The theme of the conference is *Impact Assessment and Human Well-being*. Proposals are currently being sought for theme forums, sessions and special meetings (deadline 10 September 2008). A preliminary program and registration materials will be on the IAIA website in October 2008. For more information, see the IAIA website, [www.iaia.org](http://www.iaia.org).

## 21st Century Dialogue

IAIA08 featured three special sessions offering innovative methods of engagement designed to promote deliberation and learning towards better, more sustainable decision-making. These were run as three separate but inter-connected sessions of two hours each, each utilising a different discussion technique and focusing on aspects of impact assessment effectiveness.

Immediately following the opening plenary, all conference delegates were invited to experience first hand the dynamic process of 21st Century Dialogue. 21st Century Dialogue is a powerful means of involving large numbers of people in a discussion and capturing and prioritising the issues that emerged. Participants were seated at tables of up to 10, guided by a table facilitator and connected by a networked computer. Views were input into the computers and analysed by a Theme Team that identified emerging themes and priorities which were projected back into the room in real time.

The discussion focused upon the highly relevant topic of impact assessment effectiveness, what it means and how we as practitioners can contribute to improved effectiveness. The outcomes of the session were made available immediately after the session, as well as feeding into the other innovative participation sessions later in the Conference. They also provided input into the IAIA Study of the Effectiveness of Environmental Assessment Update that was launched at IAIA08.

The session was quite intensive for the participants but probably much more so for the team that had the task of integrating the information coming in from the dozens of networked computers. The team proved equal to the task, generating the summary of each stage of the exercise in turn while the participants were addressing the next stage.



*ACT members, John Ashe and Lachie Wilkinson (table facilitator) participating in the 21st Century Dialogue session.*



# GREEN PROCUREMENT TRAINING

## 2 Day COURSE

The GECA Green Procurement Training Course is well underway for 2008. It is for purchasers who want to buy green. It will benefit people who make decisions about which goods and services their organisation buys.

See website: <http://www.greenprocurement.org.au/> to book yourself or your staff.

The course was developed and is presented by *Good Environmental Choice Australia* (GECA) which is the eco-labelling body for Australia.

**PRESENTER:** Suzanne Little B.Sc. MSc. Dip.Ed. Executive Director GECA



The presenter is former EIANZ Vice President, Suzanne Little, who is Executive Director of Good Environmental Choice Australia. She is a scientist and change agent. While Environment Director for the Sydney 2000 Olympic Games, Suzanne translated sustainability into practice, to enable NSW to build all 20 Olympic venues. Sydney's Olympic construction was Australia's first showcase of sustainability to the world.

Also Suzanne brings knowledge of government processes because she is a Board Director of the Sydney Metropolitan Catchment Management Authority. Suzanne has held environmental positions with SAI Global; Maunsell Australia; Sydney Water's Priority Sewerage Program; Vodafone Australia; The Australian Gas Light Company; and the Electricity Commission of NSW. She is a certified Lead Environmental Auditor. Dates and venues for the remaining courses in 2008 are as follows:

CITY	VENUE	COURSE DATES
Sydney	Mantra Parramatta	9-10 September
Melbourne	Mantra on Little Bourke, Melbourne	14-15 August, 6-7 November
Canberra	Quality Hotel, Woden	21-22 October
Adelaide	Mercure	28-29 July, 7-8 October
Brisbane	Mantra on Queen	25-26 August, 1-2 December
Perth	Mercure	22-23 September
Hobart	Mercure	11-12 November

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Repair, not replace

What will it take for manufacturers (e.g. cars, plumbing fittings, PC items) to stop consumers from having to repair an item by 'buying the whole unit', rather than just being able to replace the broken bit? I think it will take three things – responsibility for manufactured items from birth to grave (the German model); better and perhaps more robust designs which are designed for repair, not replacement of larger units; a revival of the repair industry. If agreed, what steps might EIANZ take?

**Helen Monks**  
Member

*This issue falls within the scope of the EIANZ Position Statement on Waste and Consumption which is currently available for member comment (see page 12) – Ed.*

### Animal advocates

In your article on 'Kangaroos and animal lovers: the human basis underlying environmental conflicts', I feel that the term 'animal lovers' does not really do justice to the position of those that hold a different view to the 'environmental argument' – a term such as 'animal advocate' perhaps might have been more appropriate for those who choose to stand up for the exploitation, suffering and killing of non-human animals. For people to truly want to speak out for animals it is about justice – equivalent to social justice and defence of the environment. A lot of people call themselves 'animal lovers' but this extends only as far as their pets and does not necessarily cause them to advocate for other species or change their behaviour (e.g. eating/ wearing animal products).

**Debbie Howell**  
Central Office





## 'WEEDS IN WAITING' MEET THEIR NEMESIS

The number of plant species now growing in Australia has more than doubled since European settlement in the 1780s, largely due to new plants introduced for gardeners, according to a new publication from Australia's weed scientists. And thousands of them are just 'weeds in waiting', say the researchers.

The *Introduced Flora of Australia* now available on-line as a printable document and as a searchable database, was compiled by Rod Randall of the WA Department of Agriculture and Food and the Cooperative Research Centre for Australian Weed Management (Weeds CRC).

Begun in 2001, the recently completed project lists all 26,242 introduced plant species in Australia. This number exceeds the likely number of native plant species in Australia. The *Introduced Flora of Australia* lists precisely 2739 foreign species that have become weedy, and a further 5907 that are here, not yet weedy, but have a history of becoming weeds overseas.

'Australia has such a diversity of climates we can be sure that many of these 'weeds in waiting' will eventually find their way to a site that suits them – and then they will simply explode in numbers', Mr Randall says. 'We are pretty adept at moving plants and seeds around, on purpose or by accident, which gives weeds the chance they need to spread and try their luck in new locations.' Climate change is also working in their favour, he says, as changes in local conditions stress existing plants, and open up opportunities for tougher invaders. 'Some of these 'weeds in waiting' may find that just staying put works for them', says Mr Randall, 'especially if the local changes to rainfall



*Paterson's curse, a common sight in many rural areas and becoming more widespread.*



*Arum lilies may be attractive in the garden, but can be invasive when they escape to the bush.*

and temperature suit them. It could be that their time is coming.'

One target readership includes gardeners and plant retailers, who will be able to use the *Introduced Flora of Australia* to see immediately whether a plant is known to be weedy somewhere in the world, and can choose to avoid planting or selling it. Many environmental practitioners are also involved in giving advice in relation to introduced plant species, or in assessing the weed risk associated with species that they encounter in their work.

The document lists over 20,000 non-weedy foreign plants for gardeners to choose from, in addition to the 11,000 native plants now cultivated. The total of over 30,000 species and cultivars should be a big enough palette to obviate the need to grow known weeds.

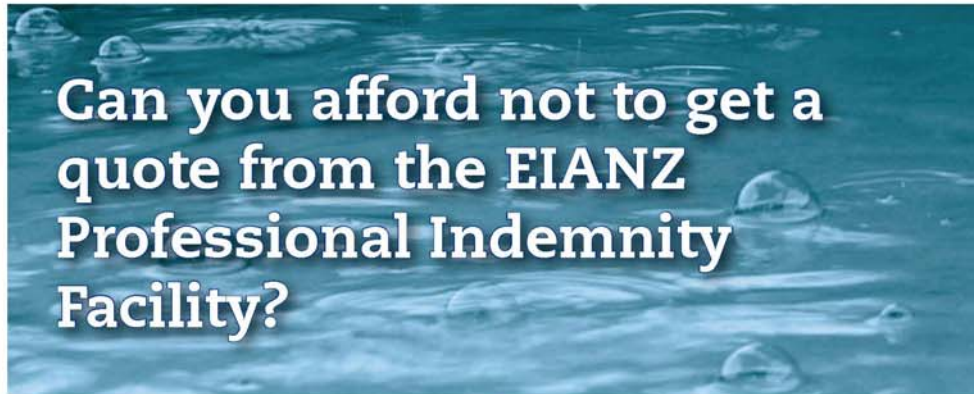
Now available from the CRC web site [www.weedscrc.org.au/documents/intro\\_flora\\_australia.pdf](http://www.weedscrc.org.au/documents/intro_flora_australia.pdf), the Flora can also be searched on-line via the University of Queensland web site at <http://weeds.cbit.uq.edu.au>.

### MEMBERSHIP REMINDER

Do you still need to renew your membership for 2008-09? Most Australian members (other than those who have joined recently) should have received renewal notices in April, with membership fees due at the end of June. If you still need to renew, please do so as soon as possible. If you have any queries about your membership status, please contact Debbie Howell at the Central Office on 03 - 9654 7473 or [info@eianz.org](mailto:info@eianz.org). (New Zealand members contact Eric Scott on 03 - 354 5042 or [nz@eianz.org](mailto:nz@eianz.org)).



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## NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to the following new members who were accepted for membership in March, April and May 2008.

### Australian Capital Territory

Sharon Lane Member  
 Adam Fearnley Member  
 Bruce Lambie Member  
 Emily Scarbro Associate  
 Rachel Crimp Associate

### Far North Queensland

Dr Margaret Gooch Member  
 Kristie Broadfield Student

### New South Wales

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 Alberto Costa Member  
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 Tiffany Thomson Member  
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## WASTE AND CONSUMPTION POSITION STATEMENT

A draft EIANZ position statement on waste and consumption prepared by the Policy and Practice Standing Committee has been placed on the EIANZ website for member comment.

Any members who are interested in commenting on this position statement are asked to do so by 29 August 2008.

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