



Crawford School Dialogue

Australia's Role In Reducing Regional Deforestation

What, if anything, should Australia do to limit the process of deforestation and forest degradation in neighbouring 'rainforest nations' - especially Indonesia and Papua New Guinea?

There are two main planks to current Australian government policy on this question: one has to do with the regulation of timber imports from illegal sources; the other has to do with the implementation of bilateral forest-carbon partnerships under the International Forest Carbon Initiative.

How should we now assess the potential value of these government policies, or the actions proposed by other Australian organizations, in light of: (a) the progress which has or has not been made in dealing with issues of tropical deforestation at the Copenhagen (2009) and Cancun (2010) climate change conferences; and (b) the recent evolution of Australian domestic policy on the mitigation of greenhouse gas emissions from land use, land use change and forestry?

The dialogue will be framed by five expert commentators: Mr Alan Oxley; Professor William Laurance; Professor Peter Kanowski; Associate Professor Colin Filer; and Associate Professor Luca Tacconi. The speakers will briefly present their own different answers to these questions, with additional space for open debate between members of the panel and members of the audience.

Date:	Friday 13 May 2011
Time:	9.00am - 12.30pm
Location:	Weston Theatre, Crawford School of Economics and Government, Building 132, Lennox Crossing, ANU
Registration:	http://www.crawford.anu.edu.au/media/more.php?id=3081
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