



Market-based incentives for managing salinity and waterlogging in irrigation areas: The science and the economics

Irrigation stakeholders, land managers and policy makers are invited to a 1 day seminar to introduce new advances in science, economics and policy designed to improve management of salinity and waterlogging in irrigation areas.

Location: Council Room, Executive Centre, Charles Sturt University,
Wagga Wagga Campus
Date: August 8th 2005 9:00am – 4:00pm

Salinity and waterlogging are a well known problem in irrigation areas across Australia. Research is showing there are significant adverse consequences for agricultural production, environmental assets and infrastructure within and downstream of irrigation regions. Already regulatory approaches, incentives and information programs have been used to address the problem. At this seminar leading speakers will present new research, outline recent advances in policy including market-based instrument (MBIs) approaches, and outline some new tools that may aid in improving policy and outcomes in your area.

Opening	Welcome address <i>Murray Smith, CEO Coleambally Irrigation Area</i>
Plenary	An overview of the policy problem and past approaches. <i>Laurie Arthur, Rice Growers Association</i>
The Science	Interactions between crops and water above and below the ground <i>Prof. Shahbaz Khan, CSIRO/CSU</i>
New Policy Tools	MBIs: What are they? How do they work? Can they help irrigators? <i>Dr Stuart Whitten, CSIRO</i>
Policy Investigations	New ways to investigate and trial approaches to policy development. <i>Dr Stuart Whitten and John Ward</i>
Forum	A chance for irrigation stakeholders to influence further research. <i>Doug Miell, CEO NSW Irrigators</i>

Attendees will be provided with a summary of presentation material. The seminar proceedings, including outcomes of the forum, will be available on the NAPSWQ website after the event.

Registration is essential, please contact:

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Registration Requirements:

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Meeting venue details are:

Council Room
Executive Centre
Valder Way
Building No. 481, Carpark 12
Charles Sturt University

How to get there

Council Rooms, Executive Centre is Building 481, Carpark 12 (opp. Swimming pool)

Drive through main Boorooma Street Entrance of University, straight through first roundabout (onto Nathan Cobb Drive). Turn right at second roundabout into Tooma Way. Follow this road around sweeping bend, past basketball courts (on left). Turn left into Valder Way. Drive down Valder Way until you come across Carpark 12 on left hand side (opp. swimming pool). This is Building No. 481, Executive Centre, Council Rooms.

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