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Jennifer McKay has played a leading role in Australia's debates over water governance, particularly in light of climate change. In recent years, Australia has accomplished fundamental change in its water law, policy and management, in response to prolonged, severe drought now perceived as "the new normal." The Australian water community has widely accepted these changes in response to climate change that already has occurred.

McKay speaks about Australia's changes to water law to audiences all over the world, from Asia to Europe and North America. She currently teaches in the School of Commerce, Division of Business at the University of South Australia. She has studied, written and advised governments and organizations on sustainable water law, governance and management in several countries, including the United States, India and England

McKay has published papers on a wide range of water-related topics and in a wide range of publications, dating back more than a quarter century. In recent years, she has written on Australian water rights changes, ecologically sustainable development (ESD), recycled water, groundwater sustainability, "water transitions around the world," and water governance.

In February 2010, McKay will speak on "Lessons from Australia" at the American Bar Association's 28th Annual Water Law Conference in San Diego. As part of her visit to the United States, she will meet with state water officials and water lawyers in California, Washington and Utah. The ABA Water Resources Committee has arranged McKay's travel and meetings, with support from the Resources Legacy Fund. These meetings will consider climate change and water management, as well as how Australia's experience may inform decisions for the Sacramento-San Joaquin River basin, Columbia River basin and the Colorado River basin.

For more information on Professor McKay's visit to the western United States, please contact Alf W. Brandt at (916) 319-2519.