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Research Focus Areas

Water Policy Analysis
Water, Land, and Governance
Regulatory Theory

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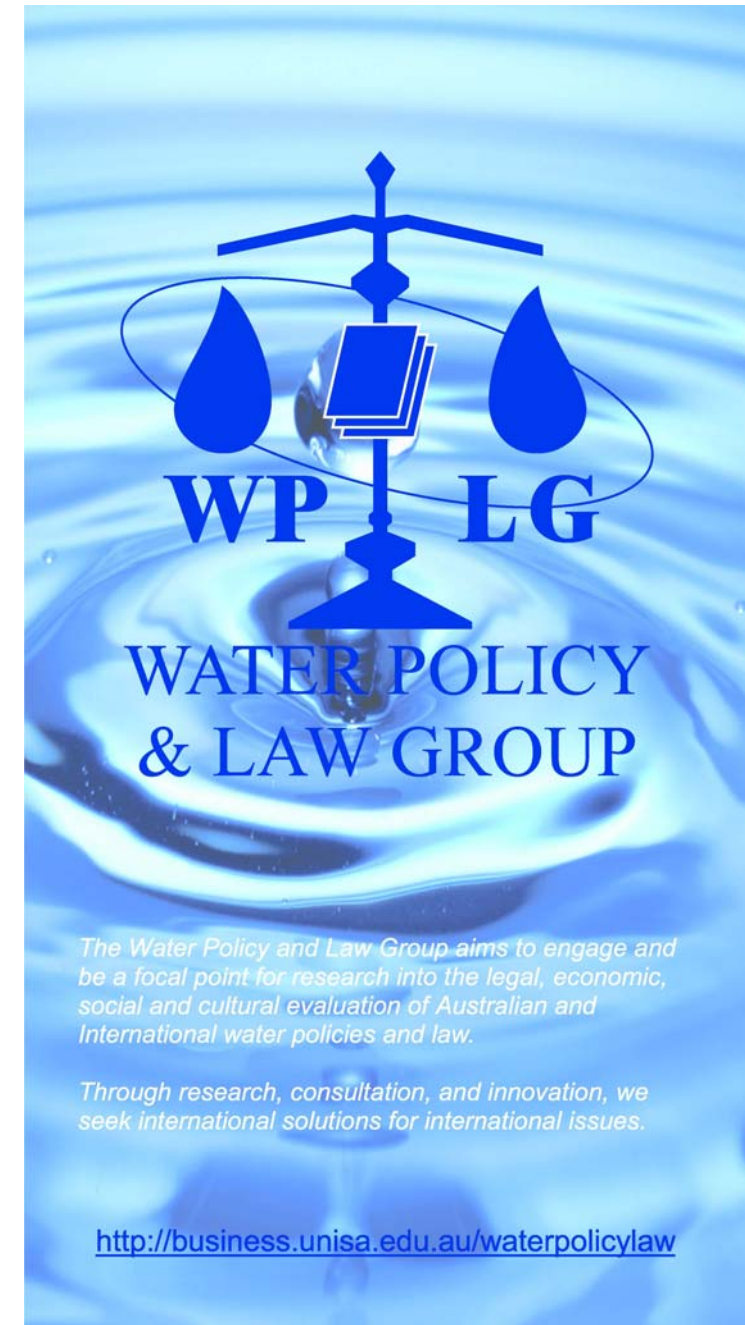
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The Water Policy and Law Group aims to engage and be a focal point for research into the legal, economic, social and cultural evaluation of Australian and International water policies and law.

Through research, consultation, and innovation, we seek international solutions for international issues.

Introduction

The Water Policy and Law Group is a multi-disciplinary group established in the School of International Business. The group comprises lawyers, engineers, scientists, as well as international research associates and researchers from other divisions of the University of South Australia. It aims to engage and be a focal point for research into the legal, economic, social and cultural evaluation of Australian and International water policies and law.

Background

The Water Policy and Law Group was established in 1998 in the former School of Law and Legal Practice. The group has successfully completed major studies for the Land and Water Research and Development Corporation Agriculture Forestry Fisheries Australia and the Australian Research Council. In addition major consultancies have been undertaken for many State Governments, local councils, and International Governments.

Community Benefits

Members of the group have been of assistance to various State Government and Federal Government bodies and have undertaken consultancies for these bodies. They have had Steering Committee members appointed from a wide variety of State Government bodies such as PIRSA, and the Department of the Environment (VIC), the Murray Darling Basin Commission (ACT) and the ACF, Productivity Commission ACCC, in addition, international grants and consultancies have been received from the University of California and the World Bank.

Research Focus

Australian & International

Water laws and policies, water allocation policies, tradeable water rights, surface and ground water, water markets, corporatisation and privatisation of water utilities, water reuse laws and policies and environmentally sustainable development.



Professor Jennifer McKay Group Convenor

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Areas of interest

Surface and Ground water law and policy, transboundary water laws and policies and dispute resolution processes, privatisation of water utilities and social justice, water conflict management, companies and securities law, corporate governance, whistleblowers – especially director's duties, business ethics.

Jennifer has published widely – both nationally and internationally - and is an experienced PhD supervisor. Jennifer also convenes the national water management law and policy group for the Australian Water Association.

She is a key researcher in the CRC for irrigation futures. In 2002, she received the Key to the city of Austin for Water research.

In 2003, she was appointed to the Prime Minister's Science, Engineering, and Innovation Council working group on the re-use of urban waste water.

Professor McKay is on the Editorial Board of Water International (US).

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