

A new view of environmental politics

Renegotiating the Environment is a progressive and thought-provoking book pitched at influencing the contemporary arena of environmental negotiation in Australia.

It is good to see an accessible, case-study based title that tries to assist our progress on key environmental issues by aiming to improve the efficiency of the critical political mechanics which often have to come before practical solutions.

Authors Jenny Stewart and Grant Jones argue for a refreshed view of political self-interest, suggesting that, rather seeing it as an impediment, managers should learn to acknowledge, understand and use politics to generate better outcomes.

Better environmental

governance, they suggest, can be achieved through an evolutionary process – rather than attrition – where there is a new understanding of political negotiation allowing the energy and interests of groups and individuals to be harnessed, rather than stifled, to achieve more consensual, robust outcomes.

Case study areas include water sharing and management, forestry and regional forest agreements, and urban development negotiations. There are also comprehensive chapters articulating more effectiveness in environmental governance and related public sector management.

Professor Andrew Parkin, Editor of the *Australian Journal of Political Science* acknowledges

the relevance of *Renegotiating the Environment*, saying, ‘By perceiving within environmental conflict the opportunity for creative environmental governance, Stewart and Jones offer managers, policy-makers and activists the prospect of finding avenues for negotiating positive outcomes. The book also gently but convincingly challenges common philosophical perceptions of environmental conflict.’

It ‘is clearly written and is reassuringly uncluttered by ideological presumptions. I recommend it strongly to managers, practitioners, activists on all sides of the debate, researchers, students and engaged citizens – indeed to anybody interested in moving forward towards an environmentally sustainable Australia.’



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