

Applications due for science-to-policy leadership program

The Peter Cullen Water and Environment Trust is seeking applications from people involved in water system management to participate in its annual **Science-to-Policy Leadership Program**. Applications close 30 April 2012.



Credit: Peter Cullen Water and Environment Trust

The program, which was run in 2010 and 2011, focuses on building leadership and communication skills specifically geared to bringing about positive change in water and catchment management in Australia.

The program selects attendees who are highly motivated, knowledgeable and skilled people who can continue the work of the late Peter Cullen ‘...the champion of the rivers who led the debate on the national water crisis and helped revolutionise how Australians think about it’ (Marion Wilkinson, *The Sydney Morning Herald*).

Peter Cullen made a significant contribution to the management of natural resources in Australia, particularly around water and its management. He was appointed the founding National Water Commissioner, was a leading member of the Wentworth Group of Concerned Scientists, Chief Executive of the CRC for Freshwater Ecology, Chairman of the Victorian Water Trust Advisory Council, Director of Land & Water Australia, President of the Federation of Australian Science and Technological Societies and a member of the Prime Minister’s Science, Engineering and Innovation Council.

Many scientists and politicians remember Peter for his superb capacity to synthesise and communicate complex ideas, simply and clearly, to local communities, policy makers and politicians in a way that supported them to make decisions and take action. ECOS was fortunate to have had Peter as a member of its Editorial Advisory Committee.

The leadership program is designed to challenge participants to stretch themselves beyond their current boundaries and realise their potential to make a difference in their chosen careers.

The 2012 program comprises two experiential learning sessions. These focus on developing leadership and communication skills that will enable river and catchment scientists, policy makers and other key stakeholders to effectively participate in, and influence, policy and political agendas.

Applicants must be Australian citizens or permanent residents to be considered for the program.

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