

# Research Participant Information

## Developing a dynamic ecosystem assessment system for Australia

Note: this information, along with the project flyer will be incorporated into the symposium invitation email sent out by client central (this email cannot accommodate attachments)

### What does participation involve?

Participation in this study will involve contributing to dialogue and discussion about the science priorities for the development of a near real-time ecosystem assessment system for Australia.

### Risk and benefits

Aside from giving up your time, there are no foreseeable risks associated with participating in this symposium. You will have the opportunity to engage in a rich discussion with local and international researchers and practitioners around current research, science and policy challenges, and future research needs for ecosystem assessment.

### Withdrawal from the research project

Participation in this symposium is completely voluntary and you do not have to take part. Your decision whether to participate will not affect your current or future relationship with the researchers or anyone else at CSIRO. You are free to withdraw comments that you make during the symposium such that they will not be synthesised into a final roadmap document at any time up until publication of the final outputs. In this case, any contributions you have made will be erased, where feasible, noting that it will not be possible to remove information that has already been de-identified and synthesised.

### Confidentiality

All information provided by you will be treated confidentially. We will acknowledge your contributions (as a co-contributor) to the study in the science roadmap, but you are free to request that no acknowledgement of your input is recorded. Information collected during symposium discussions will be synthesised and subsequently reported in such a way that responses will not be able to be linked to any individuals. Any information collected as part of this study will be securely stored as per CSIRO's Recordkeeping Procedure.

### How will my information be used?

Your personal information is protected by the *Privacy Act 1988* (Cth) and CSIRO will handle your personal information in accordance with this Act and the *NH&MRC National Statement on Ethical Conduct in Human Research* (2007) as amended from time to time.

CSIRO is collecting your personal information, including your name, affiliation, contact information and your opinion on the science priorities for the development of a near real-time ecosystem assessment system for Australia and related scientific research. CSIRO may disclose your information to third parties, including The Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment for the purposes outlined above.

It is anticipated that the information communicated through symposium presentations and discussions will be synthesised into a short science roadmap. This roadmap will be reviewed by the symposium organising committee and shared with symposium attendees. The roadmap may be used to guide future research priorities by CSIRO or the Department of Agriculture, Water and Environment. If CSIRO publishes and/or presents the information obtained through the workshop the information will be deidentified.

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information we hold about you and how you can complain about a breach of the APPs and how CSIRO will deal with the complaint. If you require further information on how your personal information will be handled please contact [privacy@csiro.au](mailto:privacy@csiro.au).

## Ethical clearance and contacts

This study has been approved by CSIRO's Social Science Human Research Ethics Committee in accordance with the *Australian National Statement on Ethical Conduct in Human Research (2007) updated 2018*: ethics clearance 006/20. If you have any questions concerning your participation in the study please contact the symposium organising committee via the contact details provided. Alternatively any concerns or complaints about the conduct of this study can be raised with the Manager of Social Responsibility and Ethics on +61 7 3833 5693 or by email at [csshrec@csiro.au](mailto:csshrec@csiro.au).

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