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# Central Queensland Climate Change Symposium

## About the speakers



### **Dr Sarah Boulter**

Senior Research Fellow and Manager of the National Climate Change Adaptation Research Facility (NCCARF)

Dr Boulter is a national leader in climate change research. Her research focuses on the impacts of climate change and building capacity to adapt.

Sarah has worked with the health, biodiversity, defence and infrastructure sectors to develop and implement climate change adaptation strategies.

Sarah was part of the team that developed CoastAdapt, Australia's first online climate adaptation decision-support and knowledge platform to support coastal local governments.

She also co-led the development of a Biodiversity and Ecosystem Climate Adaption Plan as part of Queensland's climate change response.

Sarah has co-edited three books and has published numerous papers on climate change and adaptation. She is a passionate believer that complex science needs to be translated into practical advice and used to inform appropriate action.



### **Professor Hilary Bambrick**

Head of the School of Public Health and Social Work, Queensland University of Technology.

Professor Bambrick is an environmental epidemiologist and bioanthropologist researching the health impacts of global heating

especially on more vulnerable populations, and has expertise in the development, implementation and evaluation of climate adaptation strategies.

Professor Bambrick is regularly invited to consult for government and non-government organisations on climate change impacts and adaptation.

She has consulted for WHO and UNDP on climate adaptation strategies for health, and she led the health impacts assessment for Australia's national climate change review.

Professor Bambrick has published over 130 articles, editorials, book chapters, reports and conference items related to her research.



### **Dr Emma Whittlesea**

Community Transitions Program Manager, The Next Economy

Emma's professional focus has been around sustainability, community development and stakeholder dialogue, supporting community and economic transition.

Emma has over 20 years' experience working with communities in the UK, Europe and Australia. Her work supports the development and implementation of transition policy and programs through providing strategic and practical guidance and advice.

Emma worked as a Principal Policy Officer for the Queensland Government for over 4 years in the Department of Environment and Science, where she managed a variety of projects including a program to help Great Barrier Reef island communities transition towards a low carbon economy and increase their resilience.

She is also an adjunct Senior Research Fellow with the Griffith Institute for Tourism.



### **Dave Copeman**

Director, Queensland Conservation Council.

Dave joined the QCC team because of his passion for the environment. He enjoys working with the community to protect, conserve and sustain our natural environment.

Prior to joining QCC, Dave was the organiser of the Queensland Community Alliance, and before that he worked as a union, human rights and pro-democracy campaigner and a political advisor.

He is committed to harnessing people-power to change Queensland for the better. One of the many campaigns Dave is working on is Power Up Queensland. Power Up Queensland is about ensuring we have a well-planned and managed transition away from polluting coal to clean renewable energy – and at the same time, create new jobs and opportunities for affected communities.

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### Dr Teresa Eyre

Principal Ecologist, Queensland Herbarium, Department of Environment and Science.

Teresa is an applied ecologist that leads a highly skilled team of zoologists, botanists and ecologists.

Teresa's prime motivation is to help government and land managers make informed decisions on the conservation management of biodiversity, through field-based research and assessment.

Teresa and her team have developed and implemented protocols and frameworks for the assessment of Queensland's vegetation condition and fauna and flora. Teresa has a good understanding of the increased pressures on our wildlife and their habitats as our climate warms and there are increases in the frequency and intensity of bushfires, and other extreme weather events.



### Mick Alexander

Mick and wife Noela operate CQ Organics on "Bindaree" a 1400 ha grazing business and an agricultural consultancy called Grazing BestPrac.

Mick developed the family farm into an organic certified breeding and finishing business with the

goal of supplying the local region with high quality meat that has a low carbon footprint, organic and ethically produced.

Mick became a member of "Farmers for Climate Action" (FCA) in 2019 as a way of working with likeminded people and supporting other farmers through climatic issues. He soon became the face of FCA with a major television promotion during the 2019 extended drought period.

Through Grazing BestPrac, Mick assists people to make change and to take action towards a happier healthier future. Mick is arguably the first agricultural educator to teach regenerative and carbon farming – starting this before carbon became sexy.



### Lee Johnson AFSM FiFireE

Bushfire and Natural Hazards Co-operative Research Centre.

Lee served as Commissioner of the Queensland Fire and Emergency Services for 13 years (2002-2015).

Prior to his time as Commissioner, Lee started out as a firefighter in Townsville, transferred to the

Gold Coast as a Station Officer, and was then promoted to Deputy Chief Officer and then District Commander in Rockhampton. In 1997, he was appointed as an Assistant Commissioner for the then Queensland Fire and Rescue Authority in Central Region before becoming Commissioner.

Lee has served as President of the Australasian Fire and Emergency Services Authorities Council, as a Director on the Board of the National Aerial Firefighting Centre and has been inducted as a Fellow of the Institute of Fire Engineers.

Lee is currently a Board Director of Bushfire and Natural Hazards Co-operative Research Centre and is a founding member of Emergency Leaders for Climate Action.

Lee currently works as an advisor to Locatrix a fire safety and indoor mapping company.



### Jaclyn McCosker

Climate and Energy Campaigner, Australian Conservation Foundation.

Jaclyn is a Gladstone local working with the Central Queensland community to prepare for an orderly energy transition.

With a background in international development and community organising, Jaclyn has been advocating for human rights for over a decade, including her most recent role in the North Pacific.

After seeing the real-world impact of climate change in the Pacific, Jaclyn joined ACF in 2019 to ensure Australia's transition to a low carbon economy is not only successful, but that it is genuinely good for the people impacted.

ACF is Australia's national environment organisation with over 700,000 supporters, advocating for clean energy and green industry projects that will protect Central Queensland jobs and conserve our natural environment.

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