



WATER GOVERNANCE AND PLANNING

SPECIALISTS IN WATER GOVERNANCE AND PLANNING

The UNSW Faculty of Law has a highly regarded international reputation in water law, water governance and planning.

UNSW Law is one of the world's top ranking Law Schools (13th in the QS World University Rankings 2016). It is at the cutting edge of interdisciplinary water law and governance research that leads to real change in water policy and water law.

THE TOOLS OF OUR TRADE

Our Faculty has large, state-of-the-art resources that include:

- A team of highly experienced professional staff comprising academics, lawyers, researchers, postgraduate students and support staff.
- A range of leading legal research, advocacy and education centres, including Andrew & Renata Kaldor Centre for International Refugee Law; Australian Human Rights Centre; Centre for International Finance & Regulation; Centre for Law, Markets & Regulation; China International Business & Economic Law Initiative (CIBEL); Cyberspace Law & Policy Community; Gilbert + Tobin Centre of Public Law and the Indigenous Law Centre.
- Well established multidisciplinary networks with water research centres involving engineers, scientists and modelers.

WHAT WE DO

UNSW Law is a research leader in Australia water law, governance and planning.

Our researchers are engaged in multiple disciplines and areas of law, including environmental science, property law, environmental law, natural resources law, administrative law and indigenous law.

We undertake quantitative surveys, qualitative interviews and doctrinal analysis on cutting edge water governance challenges including water allocation planning, water metering policy, sanitation, self-regulation, unconventional gas, community engagement, compliance and enforcement of water extraction, bore driller regulation, water trading and market based instruments.

Our interdisciplinary research is utilised to enhance understanding, inform debate and influence change in water governance practice.

Our expertise includes water law (including sewage), water regulation, water planning, water trading, water and unconventional gas, groundwater governance, adaptive management and collaborative water governance. We undertake law and policy design optimisation for governing water extraction, water planning, water pollution, natural resource use, sanitation and water related impacts of unconventional gas.

OUR PARTNERS

UNSW Law collaborates extensively with university researchers both internationally and within Australia. In addition to this, extensive collaboration with government and industry is a hallmark of UNSW Law.

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

Our key academic disciplines include: water law and policy, regulation and governance, natural resource management, property law and environmental law.

KEYSTONE PROJECTS

- Decentralised Groundwater Management:
- Comparative Lessons from France and Australia
 Revitalising Collaborative Water Governance:
- Lessons from Water Planning in AustraliaCompliance and enforcement in non-urban water
- extraction in NSW (with DPI Water)
- Trans-jurisdictional Water Law and Governance
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- Collaborative Natural Resource Management in Australia and New Zealand

OUR EXPERTS



Associate Professor Cameron Holley is the UNSW Law Faculty liaison. Cameron's current research interests include compliance and enforcement of non-urban water extraction, water monitoring policy, collaborative water governance and

market based instruments for water. He is a member of the Connected Waters Initiative Research Centre.



Janice Gray has extensive research experience in water law (including sewage), natural resources law (including unconventional gas and fracking) and property law. She is a research affiliate of the Connected Waters Initiative Research Centre

and coauthor of Water Resources Law (Lexis Nexis).

