

# the backbone of BIODIVERSITY

Taxonomy in conservation, policy and science

A PUBLIC FORUM

Tuesday 1 September 2009 4.30-6.30 pm

CSIRO Discovery Theatre  
Clunies Ross Street, Black Mountain, Acton

Taxonomy provides the basis for identifying and monitoring Australia's biodiversity and the strength to make the right decisions to conserve it.

Join three speakers from around Australia who require taxonomy in their everyday work, plus a panel of biodiversity experts, to discuss how taxonomy informs environmental policy development, decision-making and natural resource management.

## The science of conservation

**Dr Stephen van Leeuwen**, Program Leader Biogeography,  
Department of Environment and Conservation (Western Australia)

## Restoring woodland biodiversity

**Dr Adrian Manning**, Research Fellow, The Fenner School of  
Environment and Society, Australian National University

## Informed decision-making

**Dr David Keith**, Research Scientist, NSW Department of  
Environment, Climate Change and Water

The Forum will be chaired by **Mr Gerard Early**, Deputy Secretary  
of the Department of the Environment, Water, Heritage  
and the Arts

Following discussions with speakers and the panel,  
the Forum will be open to questions from the audience.

Refreshments will follow to allow the audience to meet the speakers



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