

# John Scanlon



John has had a unique range of experience in leading and managing organizational change and corporate governance reform, and in shaping strategic thinking on sustainable development policy, governance, law and institutions at the international, national and sub-national level.

His work experience has been gained in the private sector, in government, and with intergovernmental organizations, as a leader, manager, professional adviser and legal practitioner, as well as through senior voluntary positions with the non government sector.

In January 2006 John was appointed as Australia's first independent Commissioner on the Murray Darling Basin Commission.

John has gained experience in over 25 countries. His previous appointments include: Chief Executive, Department of Environment, Heritage and Aboriginal Affairs (Adelaide, Australia), Deputy Director General, Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Natural Resources (Sydney, Australia), Course Leader and Curriculum Designer, World Bank, Russian Federation Environment Management Project (Moscow, Russia), Advisor, Secretary General, World Commission on Dams (Cape Town, South Africa), and Head, IUCN Environmental Law Programme and Director, IUCN Environmental Law Centre (Bonn, Germany).

John has been a member of the IUCN Commission on Environmental Law (CEL) since 1995, and was appointed to the IUCN CEL Steering Committee in February 2005. His recent publications include being author, co-author or co-editor of '*Flow – The Essentials of Environmental Flows*', (IUCN) the world's first comprehensive guide on environmental flows, '*Water as a Human Right?*' (IUCN/UNDP), '*From taking to capping to returning: the story of environmental flows in the Murray Darling Basin*' (SIWI) and '*Governance for Sustainable Development*' (IUCN).

He was admitted to legal practice in 1984, holds a Bachelor of Laws (1983), Master of Laws (Environmental) (1995), and is an accredited mediator (1996).

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