

DAY ONE	DAY TWO
Registration (from 8:00am)	
<p>WELCOME SESSION (8:30 – 9:30am)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Introduction by EIANZ & ECA Welcome to Country <i>Keynote Speaker – Adventures with surveys of Western Australia’s native vegetation for EIA</i> (Malcolm Trudgen, Consultant Botanist) 	<p>WELCOME SESSION (8:30-9:00am) <i>Session Chair Belinda Bastow</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recap of Day 1 Plans for the Small group discussion
<p>SESSION 1 – Regulator Expectations (9:30 – 10:30am) – <i>Session Chair Jason Hick</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Flora and vegetation surveys in EIA – a whole of government approach</i> (Leanne Thompson - DWER) DMA Q&A: DWER (<i>EP Act 1986</i> Part IV and V administrative processes), DMIRS, DOEE 	<p>SESSION 1 – Purpose and design of surveys (9:00-10:30am) <i>Session Chair Sarah Luxton</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Towards meaningful significance assessments in EIA.</i> (Kelli McCreery Consultant Botanist) <i>The shady side of EIA: some personal experiences from NSW.</i> (Dr. John Hunter, Adjunct Associate Professor University of New England, Director Hewlett Hunter Pty Ltd and Envirofactor Pty Ltd) <i>An end user’s perspective on vegetation surveys</i> (Mat Brook, Technical Director, Environmental Assessment and Approvals, GHD)
Morning Tea (10:30 – 11:00am)	
<p>SESSION 2 – Community Expectations (11:00-12:30pm) – <i>Session Chair Sarah Robinson</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Community led Understanding of Flora and Vegetation Survey</i> (Bronwen Keighery – Chair Wildflower Society Plant Survey Committee) <i>Western Australia’s Conservation and Parks Commission - protecting what we value.</i> (Professor Chris Doepel, PSM - Deputy Chair) <i>Environmental law, impact assessment and the role of environmental consultants</i> (Declan Doherty - Principal Solicitor, Environmental Defenders Office of WA) 	<p>SESSION 2 – Taxonomy and Classification of Flora (11:00-12:30pm) <i>Session Chair Sarah Robinson</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Taxonomy, the Western Australian Herbarium, and EIA: current linkages, works in progress, and future opportunities</i> (Dr. Kevin Thiele – Eubio Consulting & Australian Academy of Science) <i>A part time taxonomists view of knowledge of the flora of W.A. and how that affects EIA</i> (Malcolm Trudgen - Consultant Botanist) <i>An Age of Discovery</i> (Geoff Cockerton - Consultant Botanist)
Lunch (12:30 – 1:30pm)	
<p>SESSION 3 – Legislation Overview (1:30-3:00pm) – <i>Session Chair Floora DeWit</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>The Environmental Protection Act 1986 and Native Vegetation Clearing</i> (Denise True – Woodman Environmental) <i>Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016 and Regulations Update</i> (Dr Ken Atkins – DBCA) <i>Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016: The sharp end of the stick</i> (Melanie Debenham – Senior Associate, Herbert Smith Freehills) 	<p>SESSION 3 - Analysis methods and tools - Identifying Vegetation Representation in a Regional Context (1:30-3:00pm) – <i>Session Chair Floora DeWit</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Threatened Ecological Communities in Western Australia: present and future</i> (Greg Keighery – Chair Threatened Ecological Communities Scientific Advisory Committee) <i>Vegetation classification – lessons learnt from analysing a 30,000-plot database</i> (Sarah Luxton – PhD Candidate, Curtin University) <i>Who is classifying and what for?</i> (Dr. John Hunter)
Afternoon Tea (3:00 – 3:30pm)	
<p>SESSION 4 – Roles and Responsibilities (3:30-5:00pm) – <i>Session Chair Sarah Luxton</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Vision for a Biodiversity (and Environment) Shared Analytics Partnership in Western Australia</i> (Chris Gentle - Program Director, Information Management, WA Biodiversity Science Institute) <i>The role of technical information in EIA</i> (Helena Mills - EPA Strategy and Guidance, DWER) <i>Flora and vegetation surveys for impact assessment...in the real world...</i> (Garth Humphreys, Principal Ecologist/Director, Biota Environmental Sciences) 	<p>SESSION 4 – (3:30-5:00pm) <i>Session Chair Jason Hick</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Soil Data in WA: narratives to modelling through strategic partnerships</i> (Ted Griffin, DPIRD) <i>Fungi in EIA</i> (Roz Hart & Elaine Davidson) Small Group Discussion: <i>Challenges and solutions to improving flora and vegetation assessments in EIA for WA</i>
	<p>Symposium Closing – EIANZ & ECA (5:00-5:30pm)</p>
	<p>Sundowner (5:30 – 7:00pm)</p>