



## Joint EEN/Crawford School Seminar

12:30pm, Wednesday 7 February 2007

**Venue:** Crawford School for Economics and Government, in Seminar Room 1, 2nd Floor, Crawford Building (13), Ellery Crescent, ANU, Canberra.

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***Economics and natural resource management:  
Frameworks for policy and planning***

**Abstract:** In designing major policy programs in Australia, such as the Natural Heritage Trust and the National Action Plan for Salinity and Water Quality, policy makers have not considered a range of economic issues. Similarly, plans established by the regional natural resource management (NRM) bodies that are funded under those programs have a very weak economic basis, with the result that their benefits fall far short of the potential. This talk outlines two decision frameworks, based on an integration of economics and technical details, that have been developed in an attempt to influence and assist policy makers and regional NRM bodies. The aim was to make it easy for them to consider basic economic logic when developing their policies and plans. The frameworks have been of considerable interest to governments, and are now being trialed by two regional NRM bodies. The talk will discuss some of the successes and difficulties experienced in trying to inject economic thinking into this area.

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