

THE PETER CULLEN WATER AND ENVIRONMENT TRUST  
**Science to Policy Leadership Program**  
**Trust Sponsored Applications - 2011**



## Are You Interested in Influencing Policy and Politics in the Public Interest?

If you're working in science, policy or river, rural or urban water management and are passionate about working with others to make a real difference in how our precious natural resources are managed, then this program may help you achieve the impact you desire.

The Peter Cullen Water and Environment Trust is looking for a diverse group of people who are actively involved in water system management to participate in an exciting leadership program.

**The Peter Cullen Trust Science to Policy Leadership Program is now open for applications for 2011.**

This unique program focuses on leadership and communication skills **specifically geared toward bringing about positive change in water management in Australia.**

Only 15 people will be selected into the program and funded to undertake a journey of personal discovery. It will challenge you to stretch yourself beyond your current boundaries and realise your potential to make a real difference in your chosen career.

Individuals can apply for Trust-sponsored and employer-sponsored places in the program. The same merit criteria apply.



**Peter Cullen** is remembered for his superb capacity to synthesise and communicate complex ideas simply and clearly to local communities, policy makers and politicians, in a way that supported them to make decisions and take action

### Program Summary

The program is comprised of two sessions of hands-on experiential learning.

These focus on developing leadership and communication skills that will enable river and catchment scientists, policy makers and other key stakeholders to effectively participate in, and influence, policy and political agendas.

### Feedback from Past Participants:

"This program has allowed me to look in the mirror, understand what I see, and believe that that my professional future is full of opportunities that I never dreamed of before."

"I now feel so much more confident to speak truth to power. The program has given me this as well as a suite of tools to make it happen. The program was packed but I would not have it any other way."

### Program Dates & Venues

Session 1: 15-19 August  
Venue – To be advised

Session 2 – 2,3,4 November  
Venue - Canberra

### How To Apply

1. Complete Application Form
2. Prepare a Statement of Claims addressing the Selection Criteria
3. Update your CV
4. **Email these to**  
*office@petercullentrust.com.au*  
**by 5pm 31 March 2011**

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### Program Benefits

- ▲ You will engage with current leaders in science, policy and political spheres who will share their experiences in leading informed decision making.
- ▲ You'll deepen your understanding of the policy development process and the role of science in this process.
- ▲ You will develop your leadership qualities so that you'll be better equipped to make a difference in water system management.
- ▲ You'll gain an understanding of, and improved skills in, effective communication in policy and political environments.
- ▲ Graduates of the program are then known as *Fellows of the Peter Cullen Trust*. As potential leaders in your field, Fellows may be invited by the Trust to assist future participants in leadership programs or to contribute to future programs, should they wish to do so.
- ▲ After graduation, you'll have the opportunity to network with each other and with the water industry leaders known as the *Friends of the Peter Cullen Trust*.
- ▲ The Trust also offers a Mentoring Program to Peter Cullen Trust Fellows.



### Program Cost

Thanks to our generous sponsors, the Peter Cullen Trust *Science to Policy Leadership Program* is FREE to successful applicants. It covers all:

- Food
- Travel
- Accommodation
- Related events

### The Program Facilitators

**Leith Bouly** has a long experience in water and catchment management from local to national levels. She designs and delivers leadership and executive coaching programs.

**Rob Patrick** has significant experience in natural resource management in the public service. He has been designing and delivering strategic leadership programs for the last decade.

**Colin Hendrie** brings a long experience in the corporate sector to the experiential leadership development programs that Outback Initiatives delivers to a broad range of national and international clients.

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### More Information

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### The Selection Process

There will be a rigorous three-stage selection process.

1. A written application
2. A telephone interview
3. A possible in-person or video interview may be requested.



### Selection Criteria

Selection is competitive. Participants will be selected on the basis of their:

1. **Commitment** – to influencing public policy in river and catchment management and to ongoing personal development to achieve that goal.
2. **Understanding** – of the broad strategic environment within which policy development occurs.
3. **Willingness** – to make the most of the opportunity provided by the program.
4. **Capacity** – to work collaboratively with peers.
5. **Ability** – to articulate a vision for river and catchment management that is inclusive of stakeholders.
6. **Passion** – for leading change in river and catchment management.
7. **Availability** – to attend all sessions.



### How to Apply

**Step 1:** Complete the Application Form, including the names and contact details for two referees.

**Step 2:** Prepare a written Statement of Claims addressing the selection criteria listed above.

Please limit your responses to 250 words per criterion.

**Step 3:** Attach your updated Curriculum Vitae.

**Step 4:** Email your Application Form, Statement of Claims and CV to [office@petercullentrust.com.au](mailto:office@petercullentrust.com.au).

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Application Form		
Applicant Information		
Surname:		Given Name:
Gender:	Are you of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Descent? Yes / No	
Date of Birth:	Phone:	Mobile:
Skype:		Email:
Postal Address:		
Town:	State:	Post Code:
Australian Citizen: Yes / No	Australian Resident: Yes / No	
Employment Information		
Current Employer		Duration:
Your Position Title:		Duration:
Employer Address:		Fax:
Town:	State:	Post Code:
Referees		
Name: Organisation:		Contact Details:
Name: Organisation:		Contact Details:
Where did you hear about this program?		
Details:		
Authorisation		
Signature of Applicant:		Date:
I authorise the verification of the information provided on this form regarding my employment and give permission for my referees to be contacted.		

*The Peter Cullen Trust is a small organisation. We regret that we will be unable to provide feedback on unsuccessful applications.*