

Environment Sustainability Study Group Meeting

University of Tasmania
Hobart, Tuesday 1 July 2008

Attendees: Phil McManus, Robert Gale, Lesley Head, Laurence Knight, Paul Smith, Gareth Edwards, Fiona Miller and Kathleen Broderick.

Apologies: Nick Gill

Phil McManus opened the meeting at approximately 8.30am by discussing previous minutes and referring to the activity report submitted by Nick.

The group discussed possible study group activities in 2008-2009 including:

- Special issue arising from the IAG sessions on Un(iquely) Australian and Neo liberal economies. GR editors have suggested that they have forward booked many special issues into this year and it was felt that there was not enough cohesion between the papers to make a good special issue. Authors may pursue publishing of their own papers. Phil said he would consider the Australian themed papers as a special issue of AG.
- The Cairns conference will be held in September in 2009. Commencing on the 27th September (Sunday for Council Meeting and post grads) and continuing until the 30th September. It will be three full days of conference program (Mon-Wed like the Hobart model) with field trips on the Thursday. The Study group were invited by organisers to consider organising workshops, special themed sessions and possible field trips.

The group discussed possible guest workshop presenters and Paul Robbins from Arizona was suggested. Lesley will contact Paul to gauge his interest and availability. Other suggestions for sessions and workshops for the Cairns conference are welcomed. Please contact Nick with ideas.

- Study group overlap. Group members discussed the overlaps between study groups, particularly the new Climate Change study group. It was considered important to ensure we make opportunities for joint sessions, and coordinate activities (several ES Study Group members also attended the CC study group meeting).
- Study Group Web Page. The study groups will be invited to have their own pages and will be requested to develop the content and keep these pages updated themselves. The method will be a CMS system. We thought Nick may be able to organise keeping this updated from Wollongong but contributions to content would be welcomed. Robert Gale has offered to contribute web content to these ends. His first action involved taking a photo of attendees at this meeting. It was thought that the content of the study group page should include: Aims; membership; publications (eg special issue from last year's IAG conference water sessions); photos; appropriate links; and contacts.
- The meeting was ended at 9.15 am.