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Wish to register for the Fifth National Wilderness Conference

Registration Fee

- Corporate \$180
 Individual \$90
 Concession \$60
 Conference Dinner \$30 per head

TOTAL FEE

Registration payable by cheque to:

The Hon Secretary
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Keynote Speaker

Helen Gee – Tasmanian writer, teacher and wilderness activist, was a founding member of The Tasmanian Wilderness Society. She has coordinated many wilderness and oldgrowth forest campaigns and currently convenes the Lake Pedder Restoration Committee and South East (Tasmania) Forest Protection Group. An ACF Councillor, Helen was awarded a Peter Adams' Peace Prize in 2005 for her efforts to protect our democratic right to freedom of speech.

Colong Foundation for Wilderness Ltd

The Colong Foundation is Australia's longest-serving community advocate for wilderness. Established in 1968, and building on the work of Myles Dunphy's National Parks and Primitive Areas Council, the Foundation has played a leading role in realising Myles Dunphy's plan for a Greater Blue Mountains National Park, culminating in its listing as a World Heritage Area. The Foundation has also been a key player in the successful push for World Heritage listing for the Border Ranges National Park and in protecting almost two million hectares of wilderness under the NSW Wilderness Act.

Protection of the wilderness estate requires constant vigilance against the well financed and powerful interests of miners, loggers, resort developers and 4-wheel drive enthusiasts, horse riders and others.

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Celebrating Wilderness

FIFTH NATIONAL
WILDERNESS CONFERENCE

**Wilderness and an
environmentally
sustainable future**



Upper Kolang Falls, photo: Henry Gold

**8 – 10 September, 2006, Sydney
Venue: Main Campus, UTS, Broadway**

Program

Under the heading *Celebrating Wilderness* the Conference Theme is *The Contribution of Wilderness to a Sustainable Society*. While we celebrate our achievements and the many benefits of wilderness for human happiness and environmental conservation, the principal objective of the meeting is to determine how wilderness can make an even bigger contribution as part of a move towards a more environmentally conscious society.

► Friday, 8 September

8pm – **CONFERENCE OPENING**
The Hon Morris Iemma MP,
Premier of NSW

PUBLIC LECTURE *Celebrating Wilderness* by
Helen Gee, Keynote Speaker, followed by
questions and Supper at about 9.15pm

► Saturday, 9 September

8.00 – 9.00am Registration

CONFERENCE SESSION ONE –
The Values of Wilderness

9.00 – 9.15 Conference aims and organisation
– Chair, Peter Thompson

9.15 – 9.50 – Wilderness and Inspiration
– Senator Bob Brown

9.50 – 10.30 – The Value of Wilderness for
Nature Conservation – Professor Jamie Kirkpatrick,
University of Tasmania

10.30 – 11.00 – Morning Tea

11.00 – 1.00 **WORKSHOP SESSION ONE**
– *How do we best promote to the community the
enduring benefits of wilderness? In particular, how do
we best establish the connection between wilderness
and the move to a sustainable society? Three
concurrent topics (each workshop group works on one
of these only):*

- 1) reaching the young
- 2) winning the masses
- 3) influencing the influential

1.00 – 2.00 – Lunch

2.00 – 2.45 – Northern Australia – John Sinclair,
*Go Bush Safari and Keith Muir, Director, Colong
Foundation for Wilderness;*
Southern Australia – Alec Marr, Director, *The
Wilderness Society*

2.45 – 3.15 Afternoon Tea

3.15 – 5.00 **WORKSHOP SESSION TWO**
– *What are the obstacles and opportunities to
achievement of more (and better) wilderness
protection across Australia? What priority actions
should be pursued on a regional basis? Is it time
for a national campaign? Each workshop group will
address the same issues, but some groups might
take a regional focus depending upon numbers and
representation.*

► Sunday, 10 September

CONFERENCE SESSION THREE
Going Forward I

9.00 – 9.15 – Organisational matters and
summary

9.15 – 9.45 – Wilderness Management I - Keeping
the Wild in Wilderness
– Virginia Young, *The Wilderness Society*

9.45 – 10.30 – Untying Any Wilderness Knots
– Haydn Washington, *Nulla Mountain*

10.00 Morning Tea

11.00 – 1.00 **WORKSHOP SESSION
THREE** – *Thought, Word and Deed – What are the
management and philosophical difficulties confronting
wilderness protection? What priority actions can be
pursued to address them? Three concurrent topics:*
1) *is the concept of wilderness as a conservation
keystone under threat?*
2) *who hates wilderness and why?*
3) *is effective wilderness management being degraded
and dumbed down?*

1.00 – 2.00 – Lunch

CONFERENCE SESSION FOUR
Going Forward 2

2.00 – 2.30 – A National Wilderness System
– Peter Prineas, *Writer and Conservationist*

2.30 – 3.00 **CONFERENCE SUMMATION
AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

3.00 – 3.30 – Afternoon Tea

3.30 – 4.30 **CONFERENCE PLENARY**
A Plan of Action

5.00 Close of Conference