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a note from the editor

This volume of conference abstracts and papers represents the lasting footprint of the Ecopolitics XVI conference held at Griffith University from July 4 – 6 2005. It demonstrates the depth and breadth of academic and activist thinking about the challenges of the 21st century for Australia, and for the international community.

I'd like to thank the conference participants for their contributions to this volume, and to the discussions, forums, and conversations throughout the conference. This dialogue and interaction between those who are academics, those who work in advocacy, those who are environmental practitioners, and those who are policymakers is what helps Ecopolitics be what it aims to be.

Cassandra Star
Ecopolitics XVI Conference Co-Convenor
President, Ecopolitics Association of Australasia

statement by the conference convenors & proceedings editor

The papers that appear as refereed in these *Ecopolitics XVI: Transforming Environmental Governance for the 21st Century* conference proceedings (held 4-6 July 2005 at Griffith University, Nathan Campus) have all been academically refereed in accordance with the Commonwealth Department of Education, Science and Training requirements for the E1 CONFERENCE PUBLICATIONS - FULL WRITTEN PAPER REFEREED composite index category.

This means that the full papers have been sent to appropriate, independent, qualified experts before publication and the authors have been required to make the changes recommended by these peer reviewers before being included in the proceedings. The papers have also been presented at this conference which is of both national and international significance – as indicated by the range of experts participating from noted institutions around the world.

The authors have indicated that their refereed papers are a product of research undertaken in their capacity as a staff member or student of the university or institution listed in the by line on the cover of each paper. The proceedings have been made available to a wide audience and can be purchased in CD form through the conference website. A copy of these proceedings has been lodged with the National Library of Australia and an ISBN number has been obtained.

**Giorel Curran, Robyn Hollander, Michael Howes,
Kristen Lyons, Cassandra Star & James Whelan**
The Conference Convenors

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