



## **QUT Faculty of Law Free Public Lecture Series 2008 presents**

**PROFESSOR PETER GRACE  
and  
PROFESSOR DOUGLAS FISHER**

# **CLIMATE CHANGE: THE SCIENCE AND THE LAW**

**Wednesday 8 October 2008**

The Gibson Room  
Level 10, Z Block  
QUT Gardens Point Campus

5.30 pm Refreshments  
6.00 pm Lecture commences  
7.00 pm Lecture concludes

### **The Topic**

Professor Grace will open the lecture with an overview of the science of climate change, covering topics such as the complexity of the issues surrounding climate change, the effect of climate change on various sectors and possible responses to contemporary issues.

Professor Fisher will discuss the contribution of the law to the climate change debate, including the potential problems to be faced without adequate legal structures to deal with the effects of climate change, and an outline of possible legal structures.

### **The Speakers**

Professor Grace is the professor of Global Change at QUT. He is an agro-ecologist and natural resource management specialist with over 15 years international experience in carbon cycling, greenhouse gas emissions and agricultural risk management in the Americas, Asia, Australia and Africa. Through a range of agencies he has been heavily involved in international global climate change issues. Professor Grace has undertaken projects and consultancies for over twenty international organisations and government agencies (including the International Energy Agency, United Nations Environment Program and the Australian Greenhouse Office). He is also an Adjunct Professor at the W.K. Kellogg Biological Station of Michigan State University in the United States.

Professor Fisher joined QUT as Professor of Law in 1991. Prior to this he held appointments at the University of Edinburgh, the University of Queensland, the Australian National University and the University of Dundee before being appointed as Professor of Law at Victoria University (Wellington, New Zealand) in 1982, where

he was Dean during 1988 - 1990. His principal teaching and research interests are currently in environmental law and natural resources law, in which areas he has published widely. He has practised law in the public sector with the United Kingdom government and has been a consultant with Phillips Fox in Brisbane.

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