



# Food Security and the Murray-Darling Basin

## Prospects, Opportunities and Challenges

### CONFERENCE

19-21 November 2014

Albury Entertainment Centre,  
Albury, NSW

The Murray-Darling Basin, where one third of Australia's food is produced, is facing serious and growing challenges as a result of climate change, declining farm incomes, foreign ownership of farmland, conflicts over the use of land and water, and rising fuel costs.

These challenges threaten the well-being of Basin industries, communities and people as well as Australia's position as a net exporter of food.

This conference will

- **draw** upon academic research and practitioner experiences to better understand the economic, environmental and social impact of these challenges,
- **question** the adequacy of the existing food system and food policies in dealing with such challenges,
- **map out** alternatives that are capable of promoting sustainable food systems and communities in the Murray-Darling Basin.



### Conference themes

Day 1 : Feeding the world? Global food security and the MDB

Day 2 : Climate Change and Food Security in the MDB

Day 3 : Alternative Food Futures in the MDB.

### Keynote speakers

#### Dr Nick Austin

CEO, Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research

#### Dr Mark Howden

Chief Research Scientist, CSIRO Ecosystem Sciences

#### Associate Professor Jane Dixon

National Centre for Epidemiology and Population Health, The Australian National University

#### Professor Mark Lawrence

Professor in Public Health Nutrition, Deakin University

#### Registration

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