

Mulloon Institute calls for expansion of Catchment Rehydration Projects to create Resilient Landscapes for a Sustainable Future

The Hon Shane L Stone, AC QC, Coordinator-General of the National Recovery and Resilience Agency (NRRA) will deliver the Tony Coote AM Memorial Lecture in NSW Parliament House on Wednesday 23 March.

This is the third lecture since the passing Tony Coote in 2018 and it was instigated by the Mulloon Institute (TMI) to honour the vision Tony had for repairing and rehydrating Australia's degraded landscapes. TMI is Tony Coote's legacy and continues to operate his 2500ha farms near Bungendore east of Canberra.

"We were thrilled to have Shane L Stone deliver this year's lecture with the timing very relevant given the recent floods with his Agency currently leading the recovery," **TMI's Chairman, Gary Nairn AO** said.

"TMI's work is aimed at restoring the natural landscape function that repairs our environment, improves water quality, biodiversity and habitat while building agricultural productivity and making landscapes and Australia's agricultural sector more resilient to droughts, floods and bushfire," Gary Nairn explained.

TMI's on ground work in various parts of New South Wales, North Queensland, Western Australia and Northern Territory is demonstrating the value of repairing Australia's degraded catchments.

Their work allows for more water to be held in the landscape by taking the energy out of water flows and storing it in the landscape thus building soil health and the opportunity of greater carbon sequestration.

TMI CEO Carolyn Hall is calling for collaboration from Corporate Australia, Government and Communities to rehydrate the nation through increased investment in landscape scale catchment rehydration to repair Australia's degraded landscapes.

"In 2021 with the release of the IPCC report and COP 26, we saw the code red for the planet. We saw the international community coming together, acknowledging that we need to take action. For the future of our country, for our food and water security, it's important that we take this approach across the country that we equip communities to take action, to rebuild and restore their landscapes," said TMI's CEO Carolyn Hall.

TMI is calling for a National Rehydration Initiative as a community based initiative, working with catchment communities and land care groups to restore degraded landscapes and meet an incredible demand for education from landholders across the country to do this work.

"We can address multiple outcomes for the environment, farming and society through our work, the demand from farmers for education is evident but we need support in meeting the need for landscape rehydration across the country," Chairman, Gary Nairn AO said.

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The Mulloon Institute rehydrates and regenerates landscapes across the Australia to reduce the impact of global warming and to protect our country's food and water security.