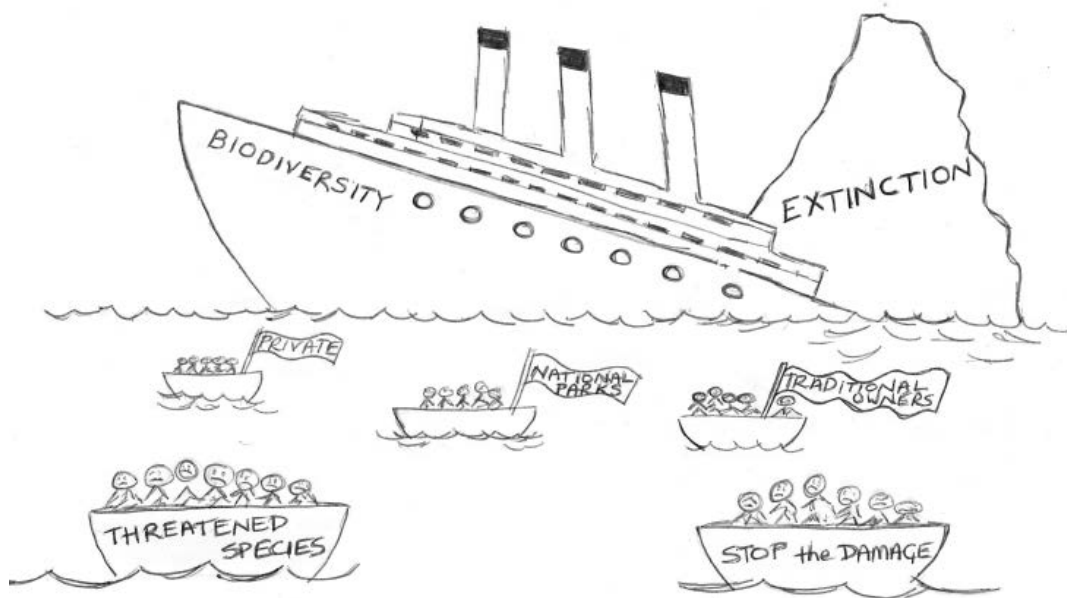


Join our expert panel of four well-known conservationists, moderated by Gregg Borschmann (ABC Radio National's Environment Editor), to discuss one of our greatest challenges and ideas to right the ship.



## "The Extinction Crisis - man the lifeboats"



**Monday 9th February –**

6.30 pm drinks, 7.30-8.30 pm for Discussion (\$5 entry),

Taronga Zoo Theatre, Mosman (Under the Red Pillar near Zoo top entrance)

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**Panelists:** Scott Gorringer, Lesley Hughes, Richard Kingsford and Hugh Possingham

[The Society for Conservation Biology \(SCB\)](#) is a global community of professional conservation scientists and practitioners. We have grown tremendously since our founding in 1985. Our region in [Oceania](#) was established as an independent board in 2005. We include members from Australia, Melanesia, Micronesia, New Zealand and Polynesia. We hold scientific conferences, information events as well as investigating opportunities to better understand and manage threats to biodiversity around the world. Our section also has chapters in different parts of our region including the [Sydney Chapter](#), which will be helping with the night.

**Links – Oceania Section Website:**

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## Biographies



**Gregg Borschmann** is the Environment Editor of the top-rating ABC Radio National *Breakfast* program, hosted by Fran Kelly. He's spent decades travelling in and writing about all corners of remote Australia. Gregg has recorded two major oral history collections for the National Library of Australia on forests and Australia's environmental history. For more than 20 years, he's called the Upper Blue Mountains of NSW home – sandstone and big gorge country that he's come to know well by wearing out several pairs of walking boots and making a connection of the heart, as much as the head



**Scott Gorringe** is a Mithaka man from far western Queensland. He has lived most of his life in remote and rural communities, and regularly returns to country with his family to visit and care for significant cultural areas. Scott's approach is founded on the belief, that all groups of people bring collective knowledge, values and ethics which provide a solid foundation. He believes the challenge is to reconnect with self, others and environment. Scott has worked for Education Queensland where he established mentoring and teacher induction programs. He also worked for the Centre for Rural and Regional Innovation at the University of Queensland, where his role is a Learning Facilitator in leadership and facilitation, as well as Senior Project Officer (Research). He has been a strong advocate for the conservation of the Lake Eyre Basin Rivers



**Professor Lesley Hughes** is a distinguished professor at Macquarie University and heads the Climate Change Ecology Group with her main research focus being on the impacts of climate change on species and ecosystems. Lesley has been a lead author on Working Group II of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) for the Fourth and Fifth Assessment Reports and has represented Australia on a number of international bodies associated with climate change, including serving as a member of the Ad Hoc Technical Advisory Group (AHTEG) for the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD). From 2011-2013 Lesley served as one of six federal Climate Commissioners, tasked with communicating climate science and the impacts of climate change to the Australian public. She is now reprising this role for the publicly funded Climate Council.



**Professor Richard Kingsford** is the Director of the Centre for Ecosystem Science at the School of Biological, Earth and Environmental Sciences of the University of NSW. He has focussed his research over about the last 20 years on the waterbirds, wetlands and rivers of arid Australia, which cover about 70% of the continent. He has identified the significant impacts of water resource development on the rivers and wetlands of the Murray-Darling Basin and other parts of the world and he has contributed to policy development and environmental flow management. He is the current President of the Society for Conservation Biology in Oceania.



**Professor Hugh Possingham FAA**, is an ARC Laureate Fellow at the University of Queensland and directs two national research centres, including an Australian Research Council Centre of Excellence for Environmental Decisions. These Centres work on problems to secure the world's biological diversity: efficient nature reserve design, habitat reconstruction, monitoring, optimal management of populations for conservation, cost-effective conservation actions for threatened species, pest control and population harvesting, survey methods for detecting bird decline, bird conservation ecology, environmental accounting and meta-population dynamics. His work has helped save hundreds of thousands of square kilometres of woodland and forest and informed the creation of many of the world's marine protected area systems.