



# AELERT 2022

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## C O N F E R E N C E



**Regulating  
Towards 2050**

Working together to face  
emerging challenges

**Call for Papers**

# Conference Call for Papers

Papers for Concurrent Presentations are due by  
**Tuesday, 5<sup>th</sup> July 2022**

Presenters will be advised of the outcome of their submission by  
**Tuesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2022**

Final PowerPoint's are due by  
**A week prior to the conference – November 2022**

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## Invitation to Participate 2022 AELERT Conference

On behalf of the Conference Organising Committee, we would like to invite you to be a part of the call for concurrent presentations for the upcoming **2022 AELERT Conference**, with the theme of **Regulating Towards 2050: Working together to face emerging challenges**. The Conference will be held in November 2022, with dates, and venue details to be released soon.

The Australian Environmental Law Enforcement and Regulators Network (AELERT) is a network of regulatory agencies concerned with the implementation of environmental law. The network was initiated by the Commonwealth in 2003. Since then, AELERT has grown into a widely recognised professional network for sharing of knowledge and experience between regulatory practitioners within agencies in the field of environmental regulation.

AELERT's membership spans all levels of government across Australia and New Zealand and encompasses a broad range of regulators including but not limited to agriculture, air, noise and water pollution, chemicals, contaminated land, dangerous goods, environmental impact assessment, forestry, pesticides, waste and wildlife.

AELERT's purpose is to foster world-class environmental regulation by facilitating collaboration between agencies. AELERT provides a unique opportunity for regulatory agencies and practitioners, with a focus on environmental regulation, to:

- Collaborate and exchange resources, information, and knowledge
- Share experiences and practical approaches to common challenges
- Build organisation regulatory capability
- Participate in a professional forum of regulators

Through our focus on world class environmental regulation, we aim to provide public value by protecting and enhancing the environment and human health.

## Conference Program and Audience

The proposed program includes a mix of formats to encourage discussion and collaboration including sessions with whole group discussions, moderated and facilitated sessions and workshops.

The conference target audience is a diverse range of roles and responsibilities across the environmental regulatory space. This includes, but is not limited to:

- Agriculture
- Air, Noise and Water pollution
- Biodiversity
- Chemicals
- Contaminated Lands
- Cultural Heritage
- Dangerous goods
- Environmental impact assessment
- Environmental health
- Forestry
- Pesticides
- Waste & Resource Recovery
- Water Compliance
- Wildlife Trafficking
- Effective Governance
- Federal/National Government
- State Government
- Local Government
- Environmental Networks
- NGOs
- Academia
- Intergovernmental Organisations

## Streams

The Conference Committee is seeking Expressions of Interest for the conduct of concurrent presentations from stakeholders. Interested authors are encouraged to submit a paper of their selected topic for review and possible selection at the Conference.

Presenters will be required to indicate in which stream they wish their contribution to be considered in, including, but not limited to the concepts listed below:

Under the banner of the conference theme: **Regulating Towards 2050: Working together to face emerging challenges.**

We are living in a changing world, and we are regulating in an environment that is subject to change. Climate change is creating increased expectations to regulate greenhouse gas emissions, respond to climate induced environmental impacts such as increased frequency of natural disasters, and regulate adaptively during periods of sustained drought and flood. We are also seeing the emergence of new industries and technologies which require regulation, while continuing to address addressing legacy impacts from past practices.

**Regulating emerging industries and responding to emerging environmental issues (Regulatory Practice stream)**

This stream focuses on current regulatory and emerging environmental threats in various jurisdictions, including challenges to achieving compliance.

Topics could include:

- Addressing unregulated pollutants and other environmental issues
- Regulating new and emerging issues, industries, and technologies
- Adaptive regulation in response to changing circumstances

**Risk-based regulation: what's new in the regulatory toolkit? (Legislation and Policy stream)**

This stream focuses on recent developments in risk based environmental regulation.

Topics could include:

- New legislation to address environmental issues
- New regulatory tools to address environmental harm, hold offenders to account and improve investigative and enforcement powers
- New policy approaches.

**Innovation and technology: Adapting the way we work to meet emerging challenges (Innovation and Adaptation stream)**

This stream focuses on showcasing new and emerging solutions driving more effective environmental practice, and the use of new ideas and ways of thinking including intelligence, technology, and data analytics to address environmental problems.

Topics could include:

- Using data from self-monitoring, citizen science and complaints to solve problems and target enforcement activities
- Exploring the value of using intelligence to improve environmental outcomes
- The use of tech-enabled innovation such as sensor technologies, body worn cameras or drones
- Using data and predictive analytics and new technology for effective targeting and identifying non-compliance
- Embedding intelligence in environmental agencies
- Research opportunities for academia
- Learning from the results on inquiries into regulation
- Installing a culture of compliance
- Best practice and new approaches in regulatory frameworks, environmental law/policy and fieldcraft
- Measuring outcomes and impacts
- Meeting compliance challenges in the Local Government sector
- Tools for consistent enforcement
- Utilising communications strategies to drive environmental outcomes

**Other**

We welcome submissions from relevant subject areas that may fit into the overarching conference theme, and we're open to developing and refining the themes based on the range of submissions received.



## Type of Presentations

Presenters will also be required to indicate in what style of presentation they wish their contribution to be considered as, which are listed below:

- Practitioner & Research Papers (10-15 mins including Q&A)
- Case Studies or Showcases (20-30 mins including Q&A)
- Plenary or Breakout Presentations (30-45 mins including Q&A)
- Plenary or Breakout Panel Discussions (45 mins including Q&A)
- Plenary or Breakout Workshops (45-60 mins including Q&A)
- Capacity Building Sessions (45-60 mins including Q&A)
- Discussion Roundtables (45-60 mins including Q&A)

## Paper Submission Guidelines

The following guidelines apply for the submission of papers for all concurrent presentations.

- All papers must be submitted via the online [Paper Submission Portal](#).
- In total, paper should be no more than **350 words in length**. Paper exceeding this limit **will not be considered**.
- Submissions must include a biography of the presenter of up to 150 words. Submissions not including a biography of the presenter **will not be considered**.
- Paper must include the following information:

<b>Author(s):</b>	Preferred Given Name, and Surname of all Authors
<b>Presenter:</b>	Name of person/s who will present the submission at the Conference
<b>Title:</b>	e.g. Mr, Mrs, Ms, Dr, Prof for all persons listed above
<b>Position:</b>	Official job title of all presenter/s e.g. Senior Environmental Scientist
<b>Organisation:</b>	The organisation/institution with which the presenter/s are affiliated.
<b>Contact Details:</b>	Phone and email details must be provided for the presenter/s.
<b>Presentation Title:</b>	This is the title that will be included in the attendee app, conference website and promotional material for the Conference.
<b>Stream:</b>	Please indicate the most appropriate stream/s for your presentation as outlined in the dot points on page 4-5 of this document.

- **Papers for concurrent presentations** should be submitted by no later than **Tuesday, 5<sup>th</sup> July 2022**.
- Presenters will be advised of the outcome of their submission by no later than **Tuesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2022**. If accepted, further information such as PowerPoint requirements and upcoming due dates will be included in the acceptance email.
- Please note that the Conference Organisers and/or Committee will communicate only with the 'first author' of a presentation. In the case of co-authored presentations, it will be the responsibility of the 'first author' to pass on to the co-author(s), communications from the editors.
- All concurrent presenters are **required to register and pay to attend the Conference for at least the day in which they are scheduled to present**. Presenters should ensure they have in principle support from their agency to attend the conference.

## Further Information

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