

**STAKEHOLDER GROUP (S): GOVERNMENT**

**Location of consultation:** Canberra, Australia

**Date:** February 19, 2010

**Participants:**

[See Annex below]

AusAID and several other agencies of the Australian Government. The session was chaired by Deborah Fulton, Director, Policy and Global Environment Section at AusAID.

**World Bank Participants and Role:**

Marea Eleni Hatzios, Senior Environmental Specialist, World Bank  
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**What were the key issues/themes raised by participants?**

- Integration of environment and other sectors (an issue AusAID is grappling with).
- Safeguards policies and what really happens in countries: is there a gap in implementation and how is the Bank dealing with it?
- Knowledge and R&D; management of environmental information, global earth observation systems: is the Bank going to be a key player?
- Environmental sustainability and energy (clean coal): what's the Bank position? A transparent discussion on the trade-offs was recommended.
- Natural capital accounting as a base for Cost-Benefit Analysis (CBA) (It is perceived that the use of CBA in the Bank has declined).
- 2001 Environment Strategy: What was the impact externally? How is it measured?
- How would the environment strategy address the issues of small countries with low institutional capacity?
- Pacific context: Thin (rather than weak) capacity building requires empowerment of local institutions.
- Dissemination of WB experience and programs is weak; the WB needs to improve communications about some of the good work that it's carrying out, for example, Corporate Social Responsibility.
- Greening of the Bank to be commended.



## Annex - List of Participants

### World Bank Group Environment Strategy consultations

10am to 12pm, Friday, 19 February; Training Room 3, AusAID, 255 London Circuit

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<u>Climate Change &amp; Environment</u>	
Deborah Fulton	Director, Policy & Global Environment Section
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<u>Development Banks</u>	
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<u>Country Programs</u>	
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<u>Department of Resources, Energy &amp; Tourism (DRET)</u>	
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<u>Department of the Prime Minister &amp; Cabinet (PM&amp;C)</u>	
Mark Laduzko	Assistant Secretary, Agriculture, Environment and Competition Branch
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