

NSW Branch AGM and end-of-year seminar and drinks

Stuart Kells, Adjunct Professor, La Trobe University
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Sold Down the River: Murray-Darling Basin water policy is a failed neoliberal experiment

Hamilton and Kells explain how key design steps in the Murray-Darling Basin water market were never taken. As a result, the goals of the market have not been achieved; poor conduct is widespread in the market; and there have been large unintended transfers of wealth, including from farmers and irrigators to fast-paced traders who are not otherwise connected to the Basin. The largest traders have enhanced their position in the market by partnering up with large agribusinesses and pension funds to plant novel crops on hitherto unirrigated land.

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Thursday 09 December 2021

Corinthian Room of the Sydney Masonic Centre at 66 Goulburn Street, Sydney NSW 2000

Committee meeting 4:00pm - 4:30pm

NSW Branch AGM 4:30pm - 5:30pm

Seminar 5:30pm - 6:30pm

End of year drinks and canapes 6:30pm - 7:30pm

This is a free event and non-members are encouraged to attend.

Please **RSVP by 27 November** by emailing AARES.nsw@gmail.com