

# Thought Leadership: A NSW Climate Act?

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## **Rachel Walmsley** **Head of Policy & Law Reform,** **Environmental Defenders Office**

Rachel Walmsley has 20 years' experience working on public interest environmental policy and law reform.

She has written and presented extensive submissions and discussion papers, and advised governments, parliamentary inquiries and NGOs on a range of environmental law issues including climate policy, natural resource management and biodiversity laws.

Rachel is listed in Best Lawyers Australia in the climate change and environmental & planning law categories. Rachel spearheads national law reform

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She is a member of government and non-government advisory committees on biodiversity, natural resource and environment issues, a legal advisor to the Wentworth Group of Concerned Scientists, legal advisor to the Places You Love alliance on national law reform, and guest lectures in environmental law.

Rachel was a member of the Australian Panel of Experts on Environmental Law (APEEL) and is a member of IUCN – World Commission on Environmental Law. Rachel has also been a CoConsulting Editor of the Australian Environment Review and Chair of the Australian Committee for IUCN. Rachel's previous work has included advising the peak environment groups of NSW on environmental legislation before the NSW parliament, undertaking research for the Australian Centre for Environmental Law (ACEL) at ANU, and conservation field work for a British conservation organisation in Tanzania and the UK.

Rachel is a practising solicitor, with a Masters in Environmental Science and Law from University of Sydney, a Bachelor of Laws with Honours in international biodiversity law and a Bachelor of Arts from ANU.



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