

**Nature Conservation Council of NSW
Regional Conference**

**Saturday 28 - Sunday 29 August, Gulgong
Red Hill Environmental Education Centre**

Conference Theme: Biodiversity & Mining Impacts

Draft Agenda:

Saturday 28 August

9.00am - Registration, tea & coffee

9.30am - Introduction by Pepe Clarke, Executive Director NCC

9.45am - Keynote Address: Anne Kerle ecologist
Biodiversity challenges of Western NSW

10.15 - Coal Mining Expansion in Mudgee Region
Bev Smiles, NCC Western Rep.

10.45 Morning Tea

11. 15 - Changes to Environmental Legislation, Rachel Walmsley EDO

11.45 - Reports from Southern & Northern Regional Reps
John Hibberd & Jim Morrison

12.15 - Urgent campaign updates
Direction to member group displays, petitions, form letters

12.30 Lunch

1.30 - Murray Darling Basin Plan – Inland Rivers Network

2.00 - Breakout workshops:

- Bushfire reps and program update – Anne Miehs
- Coastal Planning issues – James Ryan & Rachel Walmsley
- Mining campaign – Bev Smiles & Julia Imrie

3.30 Report Back

4.00 Conference Statement on International Year of Biodiversity

4.30 Wrap Up & Field Trip arrangements

6.00 pm Drinks & Dinner

Sunday 29 August

9.00am departure Gulgong

Field Trip to The Drip Gorge on Goulburn River – 25km east, 3km bushwalk

View of Expanding Coal Industry

Morning Tea & Lunch provided

Return in time for public transport departure