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NORTH EAST CLIMATE CHANGE FORUM ON NEXT WEEK

The North East Catchment Management Authority (CMA) and the North East Greenhouse Alliance will jointly host a climate change forum in Beechworth next week.

Date: **Wednesday, September 19**

Venue: La Trobe University, Beechworth

Times: 9am – 1.15pm

An array of speakers will be talking about climate change as it pertains to the North East region of Victoria.

The speakers will cover three key themes;

1. an overview of climate change impacts on the North East;
2. adaptation to climate change, including social research;
3. mitigating the impact of climate change, featuring a range of projects designed to reduce greenhouse gases including some novel approaches by Landcare and the Ovens and Murray Football League.

The findings of two reports commissioned by the North East CMA will also be presented during the forum. These reports focus on best practice adaptation to climate change and the specific potential impacts of climate change on a range of agricultural commodities.

To register for this event, please contact the North East CMA on **02 6043 7600**

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The North East CMA region – key facts:

- covers approximately 1.9 million hectares of North East Victoria;
- contributes an estimated \$3.24 billion to the National economy each year;
- supplies 38% of total water to the Murray Darling Basin;
- key industries include agriculture, forests, tourism and valued added processing;
- more than 55 per cent consists of public land.