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Texas A&M events will explore water scarcity solutions from Australia

FORT WORTH, Texas – Facing massive water scarcity challenges, Australians needed a better water management system, and Texans may take lessons from their innovative solutions, according to Professor Mike Young of Australia’s University of Adelaide.

Young will lecture on this topic at the Texas A&M University School of Law in Fort Worth on April 25 and again at Texas A&M University in College Station on April 28. This is part of the ongoing Water Lecture Series: Perspectives on Law and Policy. Both events are free and open to the public.

Texas A&M University professors place a high priority on water policy and management. Professor of law Gabriel Eckstein at Texas A&M University School of Law is integral with planning and executing the water lecture series. He is recognized for his international work and is a published faculty member on topics including global water resources and the international law of trans-boundary aquifers. He is the director of the International Water Law Project and serves on the executive board of the International Water Resources Association. Professor Ronald Kaiser at Texas A&M University in College Station is a notable lead advocate for water law, groundwater management, water marketing, urban water conservation and the analysis of water policy.

The adverse impact of a six-year drought in Australia was much less than anyone expected thanks to a redesigned water entitlement and allocation system. Young, the chair in Water and Environmental Policy at the University of Adelaide and the Gough Whitlam and Malcolm Fraser Chair in Australian Studies at Harvard University, will explore how Texas could reap the benefits of similar reform.

Young’s presentation at the law school, “Water Scarcity: Is Texas Missing an Opportunity? Lessons From Australia,” will begin at 12:30 p.m. on April 25 at Texas A&M School of Law in Fort Worth. His presentation at Texas A&M University in College Station, “Allocating and Sharing Water: Lessons From Australia,” will begin at 2:40 p.m. on April 28 in Socrates Hall, Room 208 in College Station.

These events are jointly presented by the Texas A&M University School of Law and Texas A&M’s Water Management and Hydrological Science Program, and sponsored by Water Asset

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The next event in the water lecture series is planned for Nov. 18 and 19, 2014. Details will be released at a later date. Consult law.tamu.edu or waterprogram.tamu.edu.

To register for the April events, or for more information, visit <http://law.tamu.edu/WaterLectureSeries.aspx>. To RSVP for the event, email, events@law.tamu.edu.

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