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Ian Lowe, AO

The Australian Cycling Conference is pleased to welcome Ian Lowe, AO, as a distinguished speaker.

Ian Lowe is President of the Australian Conservation Foundation, Professor of Science, Technology and Society and former Head of the School of Science at Griffith University, an adjunct professor at Sunshine Coast University and QUT, and an honorary research fellow at the University of Adelaide. In 1996 he was chair-person of the advisory council producing the first national report on the state of Australia's environment. He is a patron of Sustainable Population Australia. One of his principal interests is the way policy decisions influence use of science and technology, especially in the fields of energy and environment.

Lowe was made an Officer of the Order of Australia in 2001 for services to science, technology, and the environment. In 2002 he was awarded a Centenary Medal for contributions to environmental science and won the Eureka Prize for promotion of science. His contributions have also been recognised by the Prime Minister's Environment Award for Outstanding Individual Achievement, the Queensland Premier's Millennium Award for Excellence in Science and the University of NSW Alumni Award for achievement in science. Lowe was named Humanist of the Year in 1988.[2] He was elected President of the Australian Conservation Foundation in 2004.

Lowe has been appointed by Minister for Sustainability, Climate Change and Innovation, Andrew McNamara, to the Queensland Climate Change Council.

Lowe has authored or co-authored 8 books, 10 Open University books, more than 50 book chapters and over 500 other publications. He wrote for 13 years a regular column for *New Scientist* and also writes for several other publications, as well as contributing frequently to electronic media programs.