

Biographical note:

Dr Susannah Elliott
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Susannah has a PhD in cell and developmental biology from Macquarie University, a Graduate Diploma in Journalism from the University of Technology, Sydney (UTS) and an honorary doctorate in science communication from the University of Adelaide.

She has more than 25 years of practical experience in science communication with the interface between science and the media being her primary focus. She started out as a research scientist working on the soil microorganisms known as slime moulds and after her PhD she turned to communications, managing the UTS Centre for Science Communication during the 1990s. During this time, she helped establish major science communication projects such as the Horizons of Science forums for journalists and scientists, Science in the Bush and Science in the Pub.



In 2000 she moved to Stockholm, Sweden to take up the position of Director of Communications at IGBP, a global research organisation focused on the study of global environmental change. She returned to Australia in 2005 to help establish the Australian Science Media Centre in Adelaide.

In 2010-11 she chaired the Expert Working Group on Science and the Media for the Federal government, producing a report, *Science and the Media: From Ideas to Action*, and in February 2011 was appointed to the national Climate Commission (until May 2012).

She is a Board member of the Environment Institute at the University of Adelaide, a member of the Inspiring South Australia Steering Group, a judge on the Banksia Sustainability Awards and a regular contributor to ABC Radio National's Drive program with Patricia Karvelas.

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