

On 31 October this year, the Environmental Protection Agency will be hosting Queensland's Industrial Ecology Forum.

Industrial Ecology 2007 seeks to promote the benefits which can be realised through the adoption of industrial ecology principles. It is expected to attract national attention with an attendance of around 100 delegates from across government and industry.

What is Industrial Ecology?

Industrial ecology is an emerging holistic environmental management system. It views industrial systems as interdependent ecosystems and seeks to optimise the flows of energy, materials and wastes by identifying and supporting synergies between the organisations within that system.

The keynote address for the forum will be provided by our international guest speaker, Mr Ernest Lowe, Chief Executive Officer of Indigo Development, based in California.

Mr Lowe has extensive experience in developing and implementing industrial ecology initiatives, and holds the position of Eco-Industrial and Rural Development Director of the International Centre for Sustainable Development in Maryland, USA. He is also an Associate of the Environmental Education Media Project in Beijing and a strategic planning consultant for eco-industrial park developments across the United States and Asia.

Industrial Ecology Forum 2007 Program Resource management in Queensland's industrial estates

Date:	Wednesday 31 October 2007
9.00am	Forum opening Dr John Cole Executive Director, Sustainable Industries Division, Queensland EPA
9.15am	Opening address – Greening the park: Creating a regional hub for resource efficiency Mr Ernest Lowe Chief Executive Officer, Indigo Development (California)
9.55am	Industrial ecology: What's the plan? Professor Brian Roberts Research Associate, CSIRO Sustainable Ecosystems
10.35am	Morning tea
10.50am	Lessons from LOGIS: Dandenong's planned eco-industrial park Dr David Batten Adjunct Research Fellow, CSIRO Marine and Atmospheric Research
11.25am	Bringing the clusters together: Industrial ecology initiatives Mr Stevan Green Chief Executive Officer, Cooperative Research Centre for Sustainable Resource Processing
12.05pm	Lunch
1.00pm	Capturing regional synergies: The Gladstone perspective Dr Glen Corder Principal Research Fellow, Sustainable Minerals Institute, University of Queensland
1.35pm	Kwinana: Evolving an industrial eco-system Mr David Cooling Chair, Eco-efficiency Committee, Kwinana Industries Council
2.15pm	Afternoon tea
2.30pm	Beyond industrial ecology: Thinking bigger Mr Krrishna Kanduri Principal Project Officer, Sustainable Industries Division, Environmental Protection Agency
3.05pm	Panel discussion Mr Colin Bunker , former Department of State Development (invited) Mr Ernest Lowe Dr Glen Corder Mr Brian Roberts
4.30pm	Forum close