

Professor Steve Rayner



Professor Steve Rayner is the first ANZSOG-Goyder Institute Visiting Professor. The Visiting Professors Program brings to South Australia a range of skills and expertise to contribute critical review and interrogation of water policy issues facing water managers. Connecting with our local policy makers, scientists and water managers will allow for issues relating to the management of Australia's water resources to be addressed from a variety of perspectives and each Visiting Professor will develop and manage a research and/or engagement program addressing the public policy challenges of how finite resource can be effectively managed through cooperation, with a priority focus on water policy and management.

Professor Rayner is James Martin Professor of Science and Civilization and Director of the Institute for Science, Innovation and Society at Oxford University, where he also co-directs the Oxford Program for the Future of Cities and the Oxford Geoengineering Program. He is also Honorary Professor of Climate Change and Society at the University of Copenhagen and Senior Fellow at the Breakthrough Institute, a non-partisan environmental NGO based in California's Bay Area. He previously held senior research positions in two US National Laboratories and has taught at leading US universities.

He has served on various US, UK, and international bodies addressing science, technology and the environment, including Britain's Royal Commission on Environmental Pollution, the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change and the Royal Society's Working Group on Climate Geoengineering. Until 2008 he also directed the national Science in Society Research Program of the Economic and Social Research Council. He was included in the 2008 Smart List by Wired Magazine as 'one of the 15 people the next US President should listen to'.