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# “The Inertia Trap” Premiere Screening

**Thursday 18 August 2011** 6:15pm for 6:30pm

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Introduced by: **Professor Will Steffen** Executive Director, ANU Climate Change Institute  
**Assoc Professor Janette Lindesay** Deputy Director, ANU Climate Change Institute

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**Dendy Cinema** Level 2, North Quarter, Canberra Centre 148 Bunda St, Canberra City ACT



This documentary fills a significant gap by providing a wealth of scientific information on climate change and the oceans in easy to understand language. It doesn't try to cover other aspects of climate change, apart from in a brief introductory overview. Rather the scientists you'll hear interviewed in the film explain in graphic terms how increasing ocean heat, changes in ocean currents, sea level rise and ocean acidification as well as feedback effects will have far reaching effects on marine ecosystems, human lives and the global climate system. The scientists are international leaders in their fields of climate research.

James Hansen says that 'you can't tie a rope around an ice sheet' and Will Steffen shows that with a one metre sea level rise and storm surge, while you might be able to have a coffee in the second level of the Brisbane airport, your plane won't be able to come in or take off because the runway will be under water. There is hope in the film, but it is also clear that delay in addressing emissions is not inaction, but rather makes the situation more difficult and dangerous.

The film is produced and directed by Kathryn Kelly, and narrated by Assoc Professor Janette Lindesay, Deputy Director of the ANU Climate Change Institute.

Scientists in the film include James Hansen (NASA), Will Steffen (ANU), David Karoly (Melbourne University), John Church, Steve Rintoul, Susan Wijffels, Alistair Hobday, Bronte Tilbrook (all CSIRO) and Tessa Vance (UTas and Antarctic Ecosystem CRC).

The film will be followed by a question and answer session with Professor Will Steffen, Assoc Professor Janette Lindesay and Director, Kathryn Kelly.

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This screening is free and open to the public.  
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More Information

Please proceed to the Dendy Box Office  
to receive a ticket when you arrive.

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