

# Foreword

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Soon after taking up my role at The University of Queensland (UQ) in October 2012, I had the pleasure of attending the opening of ‘Carbon Pricing: Early Experience and Future Prospects’ at the Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre. The caliber of participants confirmed my pre-existing view that UQ’s Risk and Sustainable Management Group has the respect of many notable contributors to the debate on climate change policy. The workshop was astutely timed to follow the first quarter of the introduction of the Australia’s carbon price, and coincided with spirited public argument over the new policy’s impact and merits.

To this discourse, the workshop delegates brought rigor as well as first-hand experience. Their presentations are reflected in this volume, which has the potential to be a significant resource for people interested in the detail of policies related to climate change, in Australia and internationally. It is a deep and diverse collection, indicative of the authors’ expertise and experience. Collectively, their research, practice and educational backgrounds include economics, mathematics, science, law and government, and they influence opinions in communities, corporations and governments.

I believe this book addresses one of the imperatives for UQ, which is to translate high-quality research into materials that are useful to a broad community. To serve this purpose, UQ people must work increasingly with leaders who operate outside academia, such as many of the contributors to ‘Carbon Pricing: Early Experience and Future Prospects’ workshop.

I thank all the authors, and extend particular appreciation to the Australian Research Council, the Department of Industry, Innovation, Climate Change, Science, Research and Tertiary Education, the Australian Agricultural and Resource Economics Society, and the UQ School of Economics for enabling the workshop and this publication. Together, you are advancing the enterprise of informing a complex and crucial discussion.

Most importantly I thank readers for taking an interest in climate change policy, and wish you the very best in your endeavors to deepen your knowledge of this challenging and dynamic field.

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