

Episode 114: Guest bios

Episode name: Nature Positive Business: Identifying and Managing Nature-related Risk

Guest(s): Laura Waterford & Olivia Back

LAURA WATERFORD Director



Laura's work focuses on nature-positive corporate strategy and policy, and opportunities in the natural capital and nature-based solutions space. Laura advises clients on nature-related risks and opportunities in line with the Taskforce on Nature-related Financial Disclosures guidance. Laura is a leading expert on voluntary biodiversity credit markets and has deep expertise on carbon markets. Prior to joining Pollination, Laura was a climate and environmental lawyer at leading national and international law firms and she was a finalist in the Lawyers Weekly 30 Under 30 Awards in the Planning & Environment category in 2020-2022.

Laura holds a Bachelor of Science (Geography) and a Bachelor of Laws from the University of Newcastle and a Master of Laws from the University of New South Wales, specialising in environmental law and sustainable development.

OLIVIA BACK Associate Director



Olivia works with a range of Australian and Global clients, focusing on nature risk and opportunity profiling, and nature strategy development. This entails applying the Taskforce on Nature-related Financial Disclosures framework to identify their key impacts and dependencies on nature and associated commercial implications for the business, as well as opportunities for risk mitigation and value creation. Olivia has environmental markets expertise, particularly working with clients to understand existing and emerging biodiversity credit schemes and products. Olivia is involved in work on directors' duties and nature risk and monitors climate and nature litigation developments. Prior to joining Pollination, Olivia was an environment and planning lawyer at a leading national law firm. In 2019, Olivia was the tipstaff to the Honourable Justice Julie Ward, President of the NSW Court of Appeal (and formerly the Chief Judge of the Equity Division of the NSW Supreme Court).

Olivia holds a Bachelor of Arts / Laws (Honours I) from the University of Queensland.

DAVID TURNER

Host



David Turner has a gift for teasing out people's stories, so it's no wonder he is Hearsay's host. With a double Bachelor of Arts and Laws from Macquarie University, he is also an MBA candidate at UNSW's Australian Graduate School of Management.

When he isn't interviewing people on Hearsay, David is a lawyer at Assured Legal Solutions, a boutique financial services law firm located in Sydney's CBD. Prior to joining Assured, he was called to the NSW Bar, and is a former President of NSW Young Lawyers and a former Councillor of the Law Society of NSW.

David spends the little downtime that he has left reading historical fiction and tinkering on home improvement projects.

You can access David's bio on the Assured Legal Solutions website [here](#).