

## **Carissa Buckland – Director of Corporate Affairs, Monsanto**

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Originally hailing from Condobolin, NSW, Carissa Buckland has spent the best part of two decades as a journalist, a political adviser and manager of external relations for mining and agribusiness companies. Now based in Melbourne, she heads up Corporate Affairs for Monsanto's Australian and New Zealand business.

Carissa has advised state and federal Ministers on policy and media strategy across a diverse range of portfolios including agriculture, trade, regional development, transport, youth, housing and corrective services. She has advised mining corporations on maintaining their licence to operate and now leads the charge in explaining Monsanto's role in modern agriculture and why you shouldn't be scared of GM food.

