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Thesis topic

Community as an organising concept in multi-scale natural resource governance: Cohesive actor or chaotic subject – an exploration at The Living Murray

Summary

Chris Harrington’s PhD research explores the usefulness of community as a signifier and organising concept for good governance in multi-scale natural resource management (NRM). The case study focuses on The Living Murray (TLM) Initiative which seeks to balance a range of local and broader community interests on river and ecosystems health. In this governance context, Chris is interested in who is involved and how; why the concept of community has been embraced; and what outcomes result? TLM has been selected due to a range of significant ecological values, multiple communities of interest and strong natural, social and cultural connections to place. Research findings should contribute to improved NRM governance outcomes.