

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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**Conference dates:** Monday 16 September – Wednesday 18 September 2024

**Conference:** *CleanUp 2024*: The 10<sup>th</sup> International Contaminated Site Remediation Conference incorporating the 4<sup>th</sup> International PFAS Conference

**Location:** Adelaide Convention Centre, North Terrace, Adelaide, SA 5000

**Media:** Accredited media representatives are welcome to attend. Complimentary media passes are available for any media personnel who wish to attend the conference in person.

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### **Cleaning up the world's PFAS, plastics and waste problems from Adelaide**

Next week, leading experts from around the world will be in Adelaide to address the latest challenges and solutions for PFAS, microplastics, municipal waste and other environmental contamination and remediation issues.

Starting Monday, the 2024 CleanUp conference will bring together over 700 delegates, including researchers, regulators, and industry leaders, to explore cutting-edge remediation technologies and strategies for assessing and managing environmental pollution.

The conference is hosted by crcCARE, a partnership of organisations dedicated to the prevention and management of environmental contamination. Laureate Professor Ravi Naidu, Managing Director and CEO of crcCARE, says the interdisciplinary and collaborative nature of the conference is crucial for environmental innovation and action.

'The primary aim of the CleanUp conference is to acknowledge the gravity of environmental contamination and to provide a forum for all stakeholders to discuss gaps, and identify necessary actions, to restore our environment,' said Professor Naidu.

First held in 1996, the CleanUp conference series has been instrumental in disseminating groundbreaking findings that inform policy and shape future research.

'One significant breakthrough, discussed for the first time at a CleanUp conference, was the link between growing food crops using arsenic-contaminated water sources and how this impacts human health,' said Professor Naidu. 'Today, solutions exist that address this issue.'

The conference will be officially opened on Monday by Susan Close MP, Deputy Premier of South Australia, and will feature plenary presentations from representatives of prominent organisations, including Dr Natalia Rodriguez Eugenio and Sergejus Ustinov of the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organisation, Dr Marina Fernandez of The Experimental Medicine and Biology Institute, and Lee Miezi, Chief Executive Officer of the Environment Protection Authority (EPA), Victoria.

The conference program is available at: <https://adelaide2024cleanupconference.com/program>

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