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Fifty years of Australian influence on the Antarctic Treaty System – book launch today

The Antarctic Treaty System, the means by which the vast region of sea and land stretching from 60 degrees south to the South Pole is managed, has been in force for 50 years.

The book *Australia and the Antarctic Treaty System – 50 Years of Influence* brings together a high-calibre team of experts and draws on political interviews, historical investigation, legal analysis, and scientific research to present a new history and assessment of Australia's role in the Treaty.

The book is edited by Associate Professor Marcus Haward of the Institute for Marine and Antarctic Studies (IMAS) at the University of Tasmania, and Professor Tom Griffiths from the Australian National University.

"A lot of work and a good deal of collaboration with many parties have at last brought this book to launch," Assoc Prof Haward said.

"Australia claims 42 per cent of the Antarctic continent, yet there's a significant gap in the history of Australian policy when it comes to Australia's involvement over 50 years. We believe this book fills that gap."

The Director of the Australian Antarctic Division, Dr Tony Fleming, will launch the book this evening.

Details of book launch:

Hobart Book Shop, Salamanca Place, Hobart, 5.30pm

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