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Dr Laura Lawton is an Associate Professor with the Department of Tourism, Sport and Hotel Management at Griffith University, Australia. Laura has had extensive experience as Deputy Head and A/Head of Department at Griffith University and has also served as the Program Director for the Master of Business Programs. Previously she held appointments at the University of South Carolina and George Mason University, USA.

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A/Professor Lawton has published numerous government reports, academic journal articles and book chapters in several areas, including protected areas, ecotourism, resident perceptions of tourism, and cruise ship tourism. In 2011, Laura was recognised in the Journal of Hospitality and Tourism Research as one of the 50 most prolific tourism researchers in tourism and one of the top one 100 researchers published in the tourism and hospitality management over the last decade.

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