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Panel 4: Actioning Sustainable Futures

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Dr Kelly Donati is a senior lecturer and course coordinator in Australia's only Bachelor of Food Studies and Master of Food Systems and Gastronomy at William Angliss Institute. Her teaching and research reflect her interests in a diverse range of topics including gastronomy, food and urbanism, fermentation, regenerative agriculture, and community food systems. As an ethnographer of gastronomy and agriculture, her research has developed the concept of multispecies gastronomy which explores the convivial and lively collaborations between humans and nonhumans in small-scale farming and food production practices.

In 2019/2020, she was the recipient of a prestigious six-month fellowship from the Rachel Carson Center at Ludwig Maximilian University in Munich, Germany. In her role as the founding Chairperson of Sustain: The Australian Food Network, she has worked with communities as well as local and state governments on research, policy and programs for food systems that benefit people and the planet. Kelly's academic and policy work is underpinned by over twenty years' experience in the community food sector, including as president of Slow Food Victoria and co-convenor of the Symposium of Australian Gastronomy. Working at the nexus of research and practice, her passion is thinking across scales, from the microbiomes of beer fermentation to the global food systems that undermine planetary health.