

Wild Law Conference 2013: Program

“Living within our ecological limits: law and governance to nurture the Earth Community”
27-29 September 2013, Ian Hanger Recital Hall, Qld Conservatorium, Southbank, Brisbane



Wild Law, or Earth Jurisprudence, is a new legal theory and growing social movement. One of the key tenets of Wild Law is that human societies must live within their ecological limits. But with our political and economic systems focused on growth, and humanity now using the equivalent of 1.5 Earths to meet our insatiable consumer demands – how do we rein in humanity’s use of the Earth and create governance systems that nurture, rather than destroy, the natural world?

This conference engages with this question through multidisciplinary papers and presentations, roundtables and working groups. In addition, the conference offers exciting side events, including a ‘Rights of Nature’ Mock Trial, hosted in partnership with the Queensland Environmental Defenders Office and a Wild Law Art Exhibition, hosted by the Griffith University College of Art.

This conference will be of interest to lawyers, regulators, activists, scientists, economists, politicians, students and anyone interested in the future of environmental governance.

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SPEAKERS INCLUDE:

- Mari Margil and Thomas Linzey, Community Environmental Legal Defence Fund, CELDF (USA)
- Nati Greene, Fundacion Pachamama (Ecuador)
- Emeritus Professor Ian Lowe
- Senator Peter Whish-Wilson
- Professor Will Steffen, ANU
- David Ritter, CEO Greenpeace
- Professor Brendan Mackey, Griffith Climate Change Response Program
- Dr Peter Burdon, University of Adelaide
- Professor Charles Sampford, Griffith University
- Adjunct Professor Noel Preston
- Michelle Maloney, AELA
- Richard Sanders, Centre for a Steady State Economy



Day 1 - Friday 27th September

How do we know our ecological limits?

Ian Hanger Recital Hall, Qld Conservatorium, Southbank

8.00 - 9.00 Registration and tea and coffee

9.00 - 9.15 Welcome and Overview - Michelle Maloney, AELA

Welcome to country

9.15 - 10.00 **Keynote** - The Earth's Ecological Limits and the Myth of Endless Growth - Emeritus Professor Ian Lowe AM

10.00 - 11.10 How do we know our Earth and our ecological limits?

Chair: Michelle Maloney, National Convenor, AELA

- Planetary Boundaries and the Anthropocene - Professor Will Steffen, Climate Commission and Australian National University
- Contraction and Convergence: A Policy Framework for Negotiating International Environmental Agreements Consistent with Planetary Boundaries - Professor Brendan Mackey, Director, Griffith Climate Change Response Program (GCCRP)

11.10 - 11.40 Morning Tea

11.40 - 12.50 How do we know our place in Mother Earth?

Chair: Dr Alessandro Pelizzon, AELA and Southern Cross University

- Recognising Indigenous Perspectives and Roles in the Natural Environment - Baden Vertongen, Barrister and Solicitor, New Zealand
- Earth Centred Ethics, the Earth Charter and Eco-spirituality - Dr Noel Preston, Adjunct Professor, Griffith University

12.50 - 1.50 Lunch

1.50 - 3.20 How do we reconstruct our governance systems to live within our limits? Chair: Professor David Schlosberg, University of Sydney

- Rights of Nature and Ecuador's Constitutional Reform - Nati Greene, Fundacion Pachamama, Ecuador
- Re-orienting industrial society: ethics and redefining the good life - Professor Charles Sampford, Griffith University
- The Challenges and Opportunities of Transitioning to Societies that Live Within Our Limits: David Ritter, CEO, Greenpeace

3.20 - 3.50 Afternoon Tea

3.50 - 4.30 ** Panel Discussion: What role can our legal system play in supporting societies that live within their ecological limits?

Chair: Michelle Maloney, AELA

Featuring brief responses from Earth jurists to be announced on the day

4.30 - 5.20 Audience questions & discussion with speakers from the day

5.30 - Close

5.30 - 6.30 Light supper for conference delegates

6.30 Entry for Mock Trial, 7pm Mock Trial begins

**Friday evening
27th September
Ian Hanger Recital Hall
from 5.30pm**

5.30 - 6.30pm Light supper
for conference delegates
(cash bar will be available)

7.00 - 8.30pm Rights of
Nature Mock Trial:
*Great Barrier Reef v
The Queensland Government*

For full details, see our web-
site: www.earthlaws.org.au



Day 2 – Saturday 28th September

What governance systems can help us live within our limits?

Ian Hangar Recital Hall, Qld Conservatorium, Southbank

8.30 - 9.00 Registration and tea and coffee

9.00 - 9.15 Welcome and Overview of the Day - Michelle Maloney

9:15 - 11.10 What economic systems do we need to live within our limits?

Chair: Dr Peter Burdon, University of Adelaide

Keynote: Economics for the Earth - Senator Peter Whish-Wilson

- Living within our Ecological Limits and the Truth about Absolute Scarcity - Richards Sanders, Centre for a Steady State Economy
- Reframing the Economy, Reframing Ourselves - Assoc. Professor Jenny Cameron, University of Newcastle (& Community Economies Collective)

11.10 - 11.40 Morning Tea

11.40 - 12.30 Tools for living within our limits

Chair: Brendan Sydes, CEO, EDO Victoria

- Taming the Beast of Consumption: Tools for Managing Human Demand - Michelle Maloney, AELA and Dr Peter Daniels, Griffith University and the Australian New Zealand Society for Ecological Economics (ANZSEE)
- The Potential of Planning - Dr Wendy Steele, Griffith University

12.30 - 1.30 Lunch

Optional: Mindfulness Workshop led by Lozang Tsultrim, Buddhist Nun from the Chenrizig Institute, Sunshine Coast

1.30 - 2.30 Parallel session 1 - see page 4 for details

2.35 - 3.35 Parallel session 2 - see page 4 for details

3.35 - 4.00 Afternoon tea

4.00 - 4.30 **Panel Discussion (Ian Hangar Recital Hall)**

**** What role can our legal system play in creating economic systems that support the Earth? Chair: Michelle Maloney, AELA**

Featuring speakers from the day, as well as:

- Professor Bronwen Morgan, University of NSW Law School and
- Dr Peter Burdon, AELA and University of Adelaide

4.30 - 5.00 Questions and discussions, close

5.00 - 6.30 Screening of "United Natures" Film, for those interested



Saturday Evening 28th September Conference Dinner

6.00pm - 9.00pm
(dinner starts 6.30pm)

Dinner at the Shore
Restaurant and Bar
Arbour View Cafes,
Southbank Parklands

3 course buffet
\$45 per head
Cash bar

For more information:
[www.earthlaws.org.au/
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brisbane/conference-
dinner/](http://www.earthlaws.org.au/wildlaw-conference-2013-brisbane/conference-dinner/)

Wild Law Art Exhibition - 24 September - 5 October "Re-orientation: From Human Centred to Earth Centred"

The Project Gallery Webb Building, (S02), Griffith University Southbank

Opening Night Party: Thursday 26 September, 6pm - 8pm,
Project Gallery. No bookings required - everyone's welcome!





Parallel Session 1 - Saturday 28th - 1.30pm to 2.30pm

All Rooms are inside the Queensland Conservatorium

Room 1.21	Room 1.39	Room 2.15	Room 2.14
Looking Back from 2045: Law, Critical Junctures and Alternative Economies	Climate Change Adaptation	Deepening our Connections	The Challenges of Living Within Our Limits
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Panel facilitated by Professor Bronwen Morgen, UNSW - including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Rob Pekin, Food Connect and * Amelia Salmon, Spiral Community Hub and the Queensland Social Entrepreneur's Network 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Communicating the Limits to Climate Change Adaptation - Liese Coulter, Griffith University Synergies from Climate Change Adaptation Resilience to Inform an Earth Centred Governance Culture - Jules Livingstone 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rediscovering the Land through Non-Indigenous Australian Art - Chris Dalton Reconnecting Children to Nature - Maria Zotti, Department of Environment, South Australia 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Role of Science in Defining Limits - Ed Morgan, Griffith University How to Measure our Ecological Limits: A Carrying Capacity Approach - Murray Lane, QUT

Parallel Session 2 - Saturday 28th– 2.35 to 3.35pm

Room 1.21	Room 1.39	Room 2.15	Room 2.14
Economics and Corporate Power	Coal Seam Gas and Mining	Redefining Personhood	DISCUSSION GROUP:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Accepting the Limits of the Earth System - Caroline Sullivan, Southern Cross University When Corporations Ruled the World: How it happened and how we can change it - Rebecca Smith, James Cook University 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CSG, Fracking and Earth Jurisprudence - Is Alignment Possible? Dr Janice Gray, UNSW Law, Mining and Communities: using Multiple Management Tools to improve the Health of the Fitzroy River - Alexander Wolhuter, Centre for Water in the Minerals Industry 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Personhood, Interconnectedness and Critical Ecological Democracy - Ron Nicholls, University of South Australia Whence Comes the Human Subject? - Wiebe ter Bals, Sunshine Coast Environment Council 	<p>How does the concept of limits affect the role of the natural environment in water resource law and management? **</p> <p>Facilitated by Rebecca Nelson, Stanford University and Erin O'Donnell, University of Melbourne. Please see the online abstract for suggested reading and discussion points.</p>

Saturday 28th September - 5pm - 6.30pm

Special Screening of the Film "United Natures", Directed by Peter Downey, in the Ian Hanger Recital Hall

To see a preview of the film, visit: <http://unitednaturesmovie.com/>



<http://www.earthlaws.org.au/wildlaw-conference-2013-brisbane/>

Parallel Session 3 - Sunday 29th - 11.30am to 1pm
All Rooms are inside the Queensland Conservatorium



Room 1.21	Room 1.39	Room 2.15	Room 2.14
Law and Governance to Support the Earth**	Civil Society's role in Protecting Ecosystems Under Threat	Supporting indigenous custodianship for better Earth governance	Protecting our Evolutionary Companions**
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Legislating for Environmental Limits - What are the Possibilities? Brendan Sydes, CEO, Environmental Defender's Office Victoria Environmental Offsets and Limits - Jo-Ann Bragg, Principal Solicitor, Environmental Defender's Office, Qld 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Battle for the Bimblebox Nature Refuge - Paola Cossini, Co-Owner Is Bribe Island Living Beyond its Limits? - John Oxenford, Paul Dargusch and John Harden Ecuador's Fight Against the Mirador Mine - David Dene, Spain Aggressive Non-Violence – the Grass Roots Activism of Sea Shepherd Australia - Graham Wells 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Using Indigenous Conceptions of Nature to Redefine Legal Relationships - Catherine Iorns, Victoria Univ., Perspectives from First Nations Peoples and Rural Communities of Australia & North America - Jacqueline Williams, UNE and Johnnie Aseron Planetary Boundaries and Saving the Amazon Rainforest—Dr Silvia Serrao Neumann, Griffith University 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Living on the Edge: the "Iconomics" of Protecting Koalas on the Urban Fringe - Dr Philippa England, Griffith University Issues in Wildlife Consumption in China - Dr Deborah Cao, Griffith University Animal Law, Cruelty and Rights: A Challenge to Research in Green Criminology - Brodie Evans, QUT

Parallel Session 4- Sunday 29th - 2.00pm to 3.30pm

Room 1.21	Room 1.39	Room 2.15	Room 2.14
Legal Mechanisms to Support Earth Centred Governance **	Civil Society's Role in Transitioning to a Healthy Future	Global Responsibility, Property and Trust**	DISCUSSION GROUP:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gaia's Veil - Ariane Wilkinson, Environmental Defender's Office, Victoria The Need for a New Right Paradigm: An Analysis of the Convention of Bio Diversity - Associate Professor Stellina Jolly, South Asia University, New Delhi 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strategies for Protecting the Bush - Lee Curtis, Protect the Bush Alliance Learning from Indigenous Knowledge for an Earth Friendly Future - Kate Morioka, Goodness Inc. The role of Regulatory Frameworks and Non-State Actors in Creating Sustainable Diets - Hope Johnson, QUT 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Property Diversity and a Duty of Land Stewardship - John Page, SCU Earth Laws and the Public Trust Doctrine - Joelle Hervic, Eco-Logik International The Need for A Global Resource Trust to Enable Global Responsibility - Richard Mochelle 	<p>How do we build greater responsiveness into our legal systems? **</p> <p>Facilitated by Ben Mylius and Michelle Maloney. Please see the online abstract for suggested reading and discussion points.</p>

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Day 3 – Sunday 29th September

How do we transition to living within our ecological limits?



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9.00 - 9.20 Registration, tea and coffee

9.20 - 9.30 Welcome and Overview of the Day - Michelle Maloney, AELA

9.30 - 11.00 How do we transition to governance systems that help us nurture the Earth Community? Chair: Jo-Anne Bragg, EDO Queensland

- Earth Democracy and Strategies for Change - Dr Peter Burdon, University of Adelaide
- Rights of Nature Legislation as an Earth Centred Civil Society Organising Framework - Mari Margil and Thomas Linzey, Community Environmental Legal Defence Fund (CELDF), USA
- Stories of Success from Civil Society Campaigns - Drew Hutton, Lock the Gate Alliance

11.00 - 11.30 Morning Tea

11.30 - 1.00 Parallel Session 3 - see page 5 for details

1.00 - 2.00 Lunch (AELA AGM – Room 1.21)

2.00 - 3.30 Parallel Session 4 - see page 5 for details

3.30 - 4.00 Afternoon Tea

4.00 - 4.30 Wild About Federal Politics - What Hope for Systemic Reform?

- **Senator Larissa Waters**
- **Other panellists, tba post election**

4.30 - 5.00 pm Panel Discussion Including Speakers from the Day

5.00 CLOSE - Michelle Maloney and the AELA Team

5.00 - 6.00 pm Farewell Drinks, Ship Inn (Southbank)



Sunday Lunchtime AELA's Annual General Meeting

1.10pm - 2pm, Room 1.21

Join us for our AGM,
including election of 2013-2014
Board Representatives and
discussion of our 2013-2015
Strategic Plan
New members welcome!