## Exploring New Pathways for Building Resilient, Vital and Healthy Communities

Half day workshop - Friday 4th October, 9.00am to 12.30pm Tingrith Meeting House, Osmington Road, Osmington





This workshop will be of interest to community activists, farmers, church and community groups, regulators, legal practitioners, academics, students and anyone interested in the future of their communities, environment and health. This workshop offers participants a unique opportunity to hear about the work of a non-profit public interest law firm working at the grassroots level in the US and will offer the opportunity to explore the potential of applying innovative strategies to protect ecosystems in the Western Australian context.

All around the world, communities are fighting to protect their local ecosystems from the destructive impacts of fracking, coal mining, logging and other harmful activities. Many are succeeding and part of their success can be attributed to the work of the Community Environmental Legal Defense Fund (CELDF), based in Pennsylvania, United States, which is where most of the fracking in the U.S. has been taking place. CELDF activists and lawyers, Thomas Linzey and Mari Margil and their team have assisted local communities in the U.S. to ban fracking and other harmful activities and put in place new laws which establish a right to a sustainable energy future and the rights of nature, including aquifers and other ecosystems, placing the highest societal value on these natural systems.

#### **SPEAKERS INCLUDE**

- Thomas Linzey, Director and Mari Margil, Associate Director, CELDF www.celdf.org
- Felicity Haynes, Tingrith Meeting House and activist, www. meetinghouse.tingrith.com.au
- Joëlle Hervic, Eco Logik International, Australian and U.S. environmental lawyer; earth rights advocate. www.ecologikinternational.com

#### WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

This lecture and workshop will be of interest to community activists, regulators, legal practitioners, academics, students and anyone interested in the future of environmental governance

#### **MORE INFORMATION**

Please visit our website: www.earthlaws.org.au/events/ CELDF-tour

#### **HOW TO BOOK YOUR PLACE**

This workshop is free, but donations are welcome.

Bookings are essential.

Please RSVP by September 30 by emailing:

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# Workshop Program Margaret River, Friday 4th October

9.00 - 9.15	Welcome - Felicity Hayne, Tingrith Meeting House and Joëlle Hervic, Eco Logik
	International

- 9.15 10.30 Legislation and organising frameworks to protect Community and Nature's Rights - Thomas Linzey and Mari Margil, CELDF, USA. For information about CELDF's work, please visit: www.celdf.org.au or http://www.earthlaws.org.au/events/CELDF-tour
- 10.30 10.45 Morning tea
- 10.45 11.15 Overview and Opportunities Felicity Haynes and Joëlle Hervic
- 11.15 12.00 Discussion groups
- 12.00 12.30 Feedback from discussion groups, next steps and close

This workshop is part of a series of national lectures and seminars organised by AELA and our partners

- Brisbane Workshop, 30th September
- Melbourne and Gippsland 2nd and 3rd October
- Margaret River Public lecture, 3rd and Workshop, 4th October
- Perth Public lecture, 4th and Workshop, 5th October

For more details visit: http://www.earthlaws.org.au/events

### **DIRECTIONS TO TINGRITH HOUSE**

Travel along Osmington Road, cross over the Jindong-Treeton crossroad, and the signposted turnoff to Tingrith with a pink flying pig letterbox, is to your left about 3 kms past the crossroad, at the foot of the hill. If you reach the gravel road, you've gone about 500m too far. Inside the property take the first turn right.

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