

Local communities asserting the right to stop unwanted developments - a new legal framework

Half day workshop - Wednesday 9th July, 2pm - 5pm

Community Resource Centre, Church Gallery, 33 Tunbridge Road, Margaret River



"It is horrifying that we have to fight our own government to save the environment" - Ansel Adams

Communities around the world are actively resisting unwanted mining, logging and the destruction of their local waterways and biodiversity. In Australia, State and Federal laws often don't help - in fact, much of the time they permit the environmental destruction that communities are fighting to stop. So can we change the way our legal system works? In the US, more than 150 communities have passed local ordinances that assert community and nature's rights and stop unwanted development. These laws are part of a global Earth democracy and Earth laws movement, where people are combining peaceful civil disobedience with local law making, to protect what they love and change our legal culture.

Can we use this model in Australia?

Join us for a fascinating workshop with Michelle Maloney, National Convenor of the Australian Earth Laws Alliance. Michelle will provide an update on the campaigns and local law making in the US that are helping communities take control of the health and future of their bio-region. We will then discuss how similar strategies might work in Western Australia.

HOW TO BOOK YOUR PLACE:

This workshop is FREE but places are limited - please book your place by emailing:
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