

Is the Great Barrier Reef a victim of ecocide?

Australia's First Rights of Nature Ethics Tribunal -

A Regional Chamber of the International Ethics Tribunal for the Rights of Nature

Wednesday 15th October, 6pm to 8pm, QUT Gardens Point, Room E207 - Brisbane



Everyone is invited to join us for a special hearing of Australia's first Rights of Nature Ethics Tribunal. Expert witnesses will provide evidence for inclusion in the Great Barrier Reef Case, which will be decided at the International Ethics Tribunal for the Rights of Nature in Lima, Peru on 5-6 December 2014.

The Great Barrier Reef currently faces unprecedented threats, including sea port development, an increase in shipping due to the expansion of coal extraction in the Galilee Basin, land based marine pollution and the impacts of climate change.

This Tribunal is part of an international series of "People's Tribunals" (or "citizen's tribunals") which examine and make formal observations on ethics and violations of nature's rights with regard to issues that have remained outside the consideration of formal government institutions. The findings and judgment from this Tribunal will form part of the Great Barrier Reef Case, which is one of nine cases being heard in Lima, Peru in December 2014 in parallel with the UNFCCC COP 20 meeting.

In addition to examining the plight of the Great Barrier Reef, this Tribunal will also place on trial current legal and economic systems that legalize and monetize the destruction of nature.

Participants in the Tribunal will include scientific, legal and ethics experts including: Senator Larissa Waters, Emeritus Professor Ian Lowe AM, Adjunct Professor Noel Preston AM, Professor Brendan Mackey, AELA Convenor Michelle Maloney and Lawyer Benedict Coyne. A more detailed program will soon be available on the AELA website.

HOW TO ATTEND:

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