

Exploring new trends in environmental law and governance - Earth Jurisprudence and Rights of Nature

Free one day workshop - Friday 17th May, 9.00am to 5.00pm

Christchurch Cathedral, 2 Smith Street, Darwin



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Earth Jurisprudence, or Earth Laws, is a new legal theory and growing social movement. It proposes that we rethink our legal, political, economic and governance systems so that they support, rather than undermine, the integrity and health of the Earth. Earth Laws stress human interconnectedness and dependence with the natural world and seeks to catalyse a shift in law from human-centeredness to a recognition of our interconnectedness with nature.

The purpose of this workshop is to provide an introduction to Earth Jurisprudence and examine its meaning in the Northern Territory context. The workshop will be highly interactive and will include the following topics:

- An introduction to elements of Earth jurisprudence including Rights of Nature, living within our ecological limits and cross-cultural perspectives
- Indigenous perspectives of environmental law and management
- A panel discussion about how the Territory's environmental laws compare to other Australian jurisdictions (Qld, NSW, Victoria)

SPEAKERS INCLUDE:

- Michelle Maloney, Griffith University
- Ros Vickers, Charles Darwin University
- Jo Bragg, Environmental Defender's Office Qld
- Brendan Sydes, EDO Victoria
- Donna Jackson, Larrakia Nation
- Joe Morrison, NAILSMA
- Rob Law, Environment Centre NT
- Gareth Lewis, Aboriginal Areas Protection Authority
- Michael O'Donnell, Barrister

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

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HOW TO REGISTER YOUR ATTENDANCE

The workshop is free, but registration is essential.

Please email us and let us know if you wish to attend:
convenor@wildlaw.org.au

For further information please call: 0419 497 596

Workshop Program - Darwin

8.30-9.00am Registration, tea and coffee

9.00-9.15am Introduction and Traditional Welcome (Larrakia Nation)

9.15-10.00am **Rethinking Environmental Law and Governance**

- Introduction to Earth Jurisprudence, including Rights of Nature and the international and national movements advocating for Earth centred law and governance - Michelle Maloney, Griffith University and AWLA

10.00-10.30am *Morning Tea*

10.30-12.30pm **Indigenous Perspectives of Environmental Law and Management**

- Donna Jackson, Senior Ranger, Larrakia Nation Aboriginal Corporation
- Joe Morrison, North Australian Indigenous Land and Sea Management Alliance (NAISMA)
- Additional panelists:
 - Gareth Lewis, Senior Anthropologist, Aboriginal Areas Protection Authority
 - Michael O'Donnell, Barrister

12.30 -1.30pm *Lunch*

1.30 - 2.45pm **The Northern Territory's Environmental Laws in Context**

- Roslyn Vickers, Charles Darwin University
- JoAnn Bragg, EDO Queensland
- Brendan Sydes, EDO Victoria

2.45—3.15 **Is Environmental Law Protecting the NT Environment?** - Rob Law, NT Environment Centre

3.15 - 3.45pm *Afternoon Tea*

3.45 - 4.30pm **Discussion - Reflecting on the Relevance of Earth Jurisprudence In the Northern Territory**

- Facilitated discussion between workshop speakers and participants

4.30pm Concluding comments and close

Morning and afternoon tea will be provided, but to keep this workshop free lunch will not be provided. Please feel free to bring your own lunch, or to

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