

Nature's Rights: Forging New Pathways to Protect Our Communities

1 Day Workshop, Saturday 5th October 2013, 9.00am to 3.00pm
City West Lotteries House, 2 Delhi Street, West Perth WA 6005



Join us for a workshop about innovative developments in environmental governance that protect communities and their natural environments. This workshop will be of interest to community activists, farmers, regulators, legal practitioners, academics, students and anyone interested in the future of their communities, environment and health.

All around the world, communities are fighting to protect their local ecosystems from the destructive impacts of coal seam gas, coal mining, logging and other harmful activities. In the USA, many communities are succeeding and part of their success can be attributed to the work of the Community Environmental Legal Defense Fund (CELDF). CELDF lawyers and activists, Thomas Linzey and Mari Margil and their team have assisted local communities in the US to ban fracking and other harmful activities and put in place new local laws which establish a right to a sustainable energy future. These laws also establish the rights of nature, including the rights of aquifers and other water ecosystems, placing the highest societal value on these natural systems. In Western Australia, many harmful activities are being planned without any public consultation, and are posing significant risks to land, air, water and human health. Fifteen fracking wells have already been sunk in WA and the industry is poised for significant expansion. Join us for this timely and relevant workshop. Presentations and inter-active panel discussions will be followed by time for small group discussions and the creation of new partnerships and future collaborative projects.

Speakers include:

- Thomas Linzey and Mari Margil, from the USA's Community Environmental Legal Defence Fund (CELDF) - www.celdf.org.au
- Michelle Maloney, Australian Earth Laws Alliance - www.earthlaws.org.au
- Cameron Poustie, Energy Transition Officer, Conservation Council of Western Australia, (CCWA) www.ccwa.org.au
- Joëlle Hervic, Eco-Logik International - www.ecologikinternational.com

Panellists include:

- Sandra Chambers, Climate Organiser, CCWA
- Trish McAuliffe, Convenor, No Fracking Way - www.nofrackingway.org.au
- Patrick Pearlman, Principal Solicitor EDO WA - www.edowa.org.au

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

This workshop will be of interest to farmers, church and community groups, regulators, legal practitioners, academics and anyone interested in the future of environmental governance

MORE INFORMATION

Please visit AELA's website:
www.earthlaws.org.au/events/CELDF-tour/perth

HOW TO BOOK YOUR PLACE

A nominal fee is being charged to cover catering. **Please book by 30 September by visiting** <http://www.trybooking.com/DLTM>

\$15 AELA Members

\$20 Standard/Non-members

**Morning tea, lunch and
afternoon tea will be
provided**



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Program, Saturday 5th October 2013

1 day workshop - 9am to 3pm

- 8.30 - 9.00 **Tea, coffee and registration**
- 9.10 - 9.15 Welcome and Acknowledgement of Country - Joëlle Hervic, Eco-Logik International
- 9.15 - 9.30 Rights of Nature and Earth Centred Law and Governance: the Australian and International Movements - Michelle Maloney, National Convenor, Australian Earth Laws Alliance (AELA)
- 9.30 - 10.30 Asserting Community Rights and Rights of Nature in Local Level Legislation - Thomas Linzey and Mari Margil, CELDF, USA. For background information about CELDF's work, please visit: <http://www.earthlaws.org.au/events/CELDf-tour>
- 10.30 - 11.00 **Morning tea**
- 11.00 - 11.30 Cameron Poustie, Energy Transition Officer, Conservation Council of WA (CCWA)
- 11.30 - 12.30 Panel Discussion - includes the speakers from the day, as well as:
- Sandra Chambers, Climate Organiser, CCWA
 - Trish McAuliffe, Convenor, No Fracking Way
 - Patrick Pearlman, Principal Solicitor EDO WA
- 12.30 - 1.15 **Lunch**
- 1.15 - 1.40 Overview and Opportunities: Joëlle Hervic, Eco-Logik International
- 1.40 - 2.30 Discussion groups - facilitated by Amanda Joseph, AELA WA
- 2.30 - 3.00 Feedback from groups, next steps and close - Joëlle Hervic and Amanda Joseph

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

- Brisbane - Workshop, 30th September
 - Melbourne - Public lecture, 1st October
 - Gippsland, Victoria - Workshop, 2nd October
 - Margaret River - Public lecture, 3rd October and Workshop, 4th October
 - Perth - Public lecture, 4th and Workshop, 5th Oct
- For more details visit: <http://www.earthlaws.org.au/>

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