Wild Law Conference 2013: Program

“Living within our ecological limits: law and governance to nurture the Earth Community”
27-29 September 2013, Ian Hangar Recital Hall, Qld Conservatorium, Southbank, Brisbane

Wild Law, or Earth Jurisprudence, is a new legal theory and growing social movement. One of the key tenets of Wild Law is that human societies must live within their ecological limits. But with our political and economic systems focused on growth, and humanity now using the equivalent of 1.5 Earths to meet our insatiable consumer demands – how do we rein in humanity’s use of the Earth and create governance systems that nurture, rather than destroy, the natural world?

This conference engages with this question through multidisciplinary papers and presentations, roundtables and working groups. In addition, the conference offers exciting side events, including a ‘Rights of Nature’ Mock Trial, hosted in partnership with the Queensland Environmental Defenders Office and a Wild Law Art Exhibition, hosted by the Griffith University College of Art.

This conference will be of interest to lawyers, regulators, activists, scientists, economists, politicians, students and anyone interested in the future of environmental governance.

Legal practitioners can claim 1 CPD point for each legal session of this multi-disciplinary conference (CPD sessions are marked **)
Day 1 - Friday 27th September
How do we know our ecological limits?

Ian Hangar Recital Hall, Qld Conservatorium, Southbank
8.00 - 9.00 Registration and tea and coffee
9.00 - 9.15 Welcome and Overview - Michelle Maloney, AELA
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9.15 - 10.00 Keynote - The Earth’s Ecological Limits and the Myth of Endless Growth - Emeritus Professor Ian Lowe AM

10.00 - 11.10 How do we know our Earth and our ecological limits?
Chair: Michelle Maloney, National Convenor, AELA

• Planetary Boundaries and the Anthropocene - Professor Will Steffen, Climate Commission and Australian National University
• Contraction and Convergence: A Policy Framework for Negotiating International Environmental Agreements Consistent with Planetary Boundaries - Professor Brendan Mackey, Director, Griffith Climate Change Response Program (GCCRP)

11.10 - 11.40 Morning Tea

11.40 - 12.50 How do we know our place in Mother Earth?
Chair: Dr Alessandro Pelizzon, AELA and Southern Cross University

• Recognising Indigenous Perspectives and Roles in the Natural Environment - Baden Vertongen, Barrister and Solicitor, New Zealand
• Earth Centred Ethics, the Earth Charter and Eco-spirituality - Dr Noel Preston, Adjunct Professor, Griffith University

12.50 - 1.50 Lunch

1.50 - 3.20 How do we reconstruct our governance systems to live within our limits? Chair: Professor David Schlosberg, University of Sydney

• Rights of Nature and Ecuador’s Constitutional Reform - Nati Greene, Fundacion Pachamama, Ecuador
• How Do We Downshift Industrial Society? Ethics and Redefining ‘the Good Life’ - Professor Charles Sampford, Griffith University
• The Challenges and Opportunities of Transitioning to Societies that Live Within Our Limits: David Ritter, CEO, Greenpeace

3.20 - 3.50 Afternoon Tea

3.50 - 4.30 ** Panel Discussion: What role can our legal system play in supporting societies that live within their ecological limits?
Chair: Michelle Maloney, AELA

Featuring speakers from the day, as well as:
• Professor Louis Kotze, Professor of Law, North West University, Sth Africa
• Brendan Sydes, CEO, Environment Defenders Office Victoria

4.30 - 5.30 Questions and Close

Day 2 – Saturday 28th September
What governance systems can help us live within our limits?

Ian Hangar Recital Hall, Qld Conservatorium, Southbank
8.30 - 9.00 Registration and tea and coffee
9.00 - 9.15 Welcome and Overview of the Day - Michelle Maloney

9:15 - 11.10 What economic systems do we need to live within our limits?
Chair: Dr Peter Burdon, University of Adelaide

Keynote: Economics for the Earth - Senator Peter Whish-Wilson
- Living within our Ecological Limits and the Truth about Absolute Scarcity - Richards Sanders, Centre for a Steady State Economy
- Reframing the Economy, Reframing Ourselves - Assoc. Professor Jenny Cameron, University of Newcastle (& Community Economies Collective)

11.10 - 11.40 Morning Tea

11.40 - 12.30 Tools for living within our limits
Chair: Brendan Sydes, CEO, EDO Victoria
- Taming the Beast of Consumption: Tools for Managing Human Demand - Michelle Maloney, AELA and Dr Peter Daniels, Griffith University and the Australian New Zealand Society for Ecological Economics (ANZSEE)
- The Potential of Planning - Dr Wendy Steele, Griffith University

12.30 - 1.30 Lunch
Optional: Mindfulness session - Led by Buddhist nuns from the Chenrizig Institute, Sunshine Coast

1.30 - 2.30 Parallel session 1 - see page 4 for details
2.35 - 3.35 Parallel session 2 - see page 4 for details
3.35 - 4.00 Afternoon tea
4.00 - 4.30 Panel Discussion (Ian Hangar Recital Hall)

** What role can our legal system play in creating economic systems that support the Earth? Chair: Michelle Maloney, AELA
Featuring speakers from the day, as well as:
- Professor Bronwen Morgan, University of NSW Law School and
- Dr Peter Burdon, AELA and University of Adelaide

4.30 - 5.00 Questions and discussions, close

Saturday Evening
28th September
Conference Dinner

6.00pm - 9.00pm
Dinner at the Shore Restaurant and Bar Arbour View Cafes, Southbank Parklands
3 course buffet
$45 per head

To book your place, please go to: http://www.trybooking.com/CQJS


Wild Law Art Exhibition - 26 September - 3 October
“Re-orientation: From Human Centred to Earth Centred”
The Project Gallery Webb Building, (S02), Griffith University Southbank

Opening Night Party
Thursday 26 September, 6pm - 8pm, Project Gallery
No bookings required - everyone’s welcome!

# Parallel Session 1 - Saturday 28th - 1.30pm to 2.30pm

All Rooms are inside the Queensland Conservatorium

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<td>• Panel facilitated by Professor Bronwen Morgen, UNSW - including Rob Pekin, Food Connect and Reverse Garbage Brisbane</td>
<td>• Rethinking Sustainability in the Anthropocene - Professor Louis Kotze, North West University, South Africa</td>
<td>• Communicating the Limits to Climate Change Adaptation - Liese Coulter, Griffith University</td>
<td>• The Role of Science in Defining Limits - Ed Morgan, Griffith University</td>
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<td>• Planetary Boundaries and Saving the Amazon Rainforest - Dr Silvia Serrao Neumann, Griffith University</td>
<td>• Synergies from Climate Change Adaptation Resilience to Inform an Earth Centred Governance Culture - Jules Livingstone</td>
<td>• How to Measure our Ecological Limits: A Carrying Capacity Approach - Murray Lane, QUT</td>
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# Parallel Session 2 - Saturday 28th – 3.35 to 4.30pm

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| **Economics and Corporate Power**      | **Coal Seam Gas and Mining**                 | **Redefining Personhood**              | **How do we build greater responsiveness into our legal systems? ** **
| • Accepting the Limits of the Earth System - Caroline Sullivan, Southern Cross University | • CSG, Fracking and Earth Jurisprudence - Is Alignment Possible? Dr Janice Gray, UNSW | • Personhood, Interconnectedness and Critical Ecological Democracy - Ron Nicholls, University of South Australia | Facilitated by Ben Mylius and Michelle Maloney. Please see the online abstract for suggested reading and discussion points. |
| • Reclaiming Civil Society’s Mandate From Corporate Interests - Rebecca Smith | • Law, Mining and Communities: using Multiple Management Tools to improve the Health of the Fitzroy River - Alexander Wolhuter, Centre for Water in the Minerals Industry | • Whence Comes the Human Subject? - Wiebe ter Bals, Sunshine Coast Environment Council | |

**Saturday 28th September - 1.30 to 3pm**

Special Screening of the Film “United Natures”, Directed by Peter Downey, in the Ian Hangar Recital Hall

To see a preview of the film, visit: [http://unitednaturesmovie.com/](http://unitednaturesmovie.com/)

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<td>Indigenous Perspectives and Redefining Legal Relationships</td>
<td>Protecting our Evolutionary Companions**</td>
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<td>• Legislating for Environmental Limits - What are the Possibilities? Brendan Sydes, CEO, EDO Victoria</td>
<td>• The Battle for the Bimblebox Nature Refuge - Paola Cossini, Co-Owner</td>
<td>• Using Indigenous Conceptions of Nature to Redefine Legal Relationships - Catherine Iorns, Victoria Univ., New Zealand</td>
<td>• Living on the Edge: the “Economics” of Protecting Koalas on the Urban Fringe - Dr Philippa England, Griffith University</td>
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<td>• Environmental Offsets and Limits - Jo-Ann Bragg, Principal Solicitor, EDO Qld</td>
<td>• Is Bribie Island Living Beyond its Limits? - John Oxenford, Paul Dargusch and John Harden</td>
<td>• Property Diversity and a Duty of Land Stewardship - John Page, SCU</td>
<td>• Issues in Wildlife Consumption in China - Dr Deborah Cao, Griffith University</td>
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<td>• The Need for A Global Resource Trust to Enable Global Responsibility - Richard Mochelle</td>
<td>• Ecuador’s Fight Against the Mirador Mine - David Dene, Spain</td>
<td>• Perspectives from First Nations Peoples and Rural Communities of Australia &amp; North America - Jacqueline Williams, UNE</td>
<td>• Animal Law, Cruelty and Rights: A Challenge to Research in Green Criminology - Brodie Evans, QUT</td>
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Parallel Session 4- Sunday 29th - 2.00pm to 3.30pm

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<td>Civil Society’s Role in Transitioning to a Healthy Future</td>
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<td>• Earth Laws and the Public Trust Doctrine - Joelle Hervic, Eco-Logik International</td>
<td>• Strategies for Protecting the Bush - Lee Curtis, Protect the Bush Alliance</td>
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<td>Facilitated by Rebecca Nielsen, Stanford University and Erin O’Donnell, University of Melbourne. Please see the online abstract for suggested reading and discussion points.</td>
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<td>• Gaia’s Veil - Ariane Wilkinson, EDO Victoria</td>
<td>• Learning from Indigenous Knowledge for an Earth Friendly Future - Kate Morioka, Goodness Inc.</td>
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<td>• Need for a New Right Paradigm, an Analysis in of the Convention of Bio Diversity - Associate Professor Stellina Jolly, South Asia University, New Delhi</td>
<td>• The role of Regulatory Frameworks and Non-State Actors in Creating Sustainable Diets - Hope Johnson, QUT</td>
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<td>• Rediscovering the Land through Non-Indigenous Australian Art - Chris Dalton</td>
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<td>• Reconnecting Children to Nature - Maria Zotti, Department of Environment, South Australia</td>
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<td>• An Exploration into the Role of Women’s Wisdom in the Earth Law Movement - Anna Moreton</td>
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Day 3 – Sunday 29th September
How do we transition to living within our ecological limits?

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9.00 - 9.20 Registration, tea and coffee
9.20 - 9.30 Welcome and Overview of the Day - Michelle Maloney, AELA
9.30 - 11.00 How do we transition to governance systems that help us nurture the Earth Community? Chair: Jo-Anne Bragg, EDO Queensland
• Earth Democracy and Strategies for Change - Dr Peter Burdon, University of Adelaide
• Rights of Nature Legislation as an Earth Centred Civil Society Organising Framework - Mari Margil and Thomas Linzey, Community Environmental Legal Defence Fund (CELDF), USA
• Stories of Success from Civil Society Campaigns - Drew Hutton, Lock the Gate Alliance
11.00 - 11.30 Morning Tea
11.30 - 1.00 Parallel Session 3 - see page 5 for details
1.00 - 2.00 Lunch (AELA AGM – Room 1.21)
2.00 - 3.30 Parallel Session 4 - see page 5 for details
3.30 - 4.00 Afternoon Tea
4.00 - 4.30 Wild About Federal Politics - What Hope for Systemic Reform?
• Senator Larissa Waters
• Other panellists, tba post election
4.30 - 5.00 pm Panel Discussion Including Speakers from the Day
5.00 CLOSE - Michelle Maloney and the AELA Team
5.00 - 6.00 pm Farewell Drinks, Ship Inn (Southbank)

REGISTRATION IS STILL OPEN!
• 3 day registration fees: $500 academic/government
  $280 individual/community/student
• 1 day registrations are available
• Discounts are available for AELA members
To book your place at the Conference, Mock Trial and our Conference Dinner, visit our online registration site:
http://www.trybooking.com/CQJS

Sunday Luncheon
AELA’s Annual General Meeting
1.10pm - 2pm, Room 1.21
Join us for our AGM, including election of 2013-2014 Board Representatives and discussion of our 2013-2015 Strategic Plan
All members welcome!