

Environmental Justice Symposium

Friday 4th April, 2014 - 9am to 5pm

EcoCentre, 170 Kessels Road, Griffith University, Nathan, Brisbane



What's the Environmental Justice Agenda In Queensland?

'Environmental justice' refers to equality and fairness in the distribution of environmental harms and benefits (**distributive justice**), and to the rights of affected communities to participate in decision-making regarding these distributions (**procedural** or **participatory justice**). The term 'environmental justice' originated in the USA, and the concept is now used in many countries and in international environmental law. The term has not historically been widely used in Australia, but there is growing interest among civil society groups and some government agencies in the concept.

The aim of the symposium is to bring together academics, activists, legal practitioners, students and regulators, to explore Environmental Justice in Queensland and to identify opportunities for future collaborative projects. The symposium will provide an update on international, national and local developments in Environmental Justice; explore the relationship between environmental justice, ecological justice and Earth jurisprudence; and to develop an Environmental Justice agenda for Queensland.

SPEAKERS INCLUDE:

- Professor David Schlosberg, University of Sydney
- Jo-Anne Bragg, Principal Solicitor, Qld EDO
- Dr Wendy Steele, RMIT
- Dr Jason Byrne, Urban Research Program, Griffith University
- Drew Hutton, Lock the Gate Alliance
- Dr Carol Richards, QUT and Australian Food Sovereignty Alliance
- Dr Aysin Dedekorkut, Griffith University
- Michelle Maloney, Griffith University and AELA
- Dr Rowena Maguire, QUT Law School



Aerial photograph of coal seam gas wells, south of Chinchilla—courtesy of ABC News

Symposium Program

- 8.30-9.15am Registration, tea and coffee
- 9.15-9.30am Opening remarks and welcome - Michelle Maloney, AELA
- 9.30-10.45am **International and national developments in Environmental Justice**
Chair: Professor David Schlosberg, University of Sydney
- Dr Jason Byrne, Griffith University, 'An overview of trends in Australia and overseas'
 - Michelle Maloney, AELA, 'Developments in ecological justice around the world'
 - Brendan Sydes, EDO Victoria 'Environmental Justice developments in Victoria'
- 10.45-11.15am Morning Tea
- 11.15-12.15pm **Food Justice and the 'Food v Fuel' Debate** - ***Chair: Dr Jason Byrne***
- Dr Carol Richards, QUT and AFSA, 'Global Trends in Food vs Fuel'
 - Drew Hutton, Lock the Gate Alliance, 'Coal seam gas and its impact on food justice in Australia'
- 12.15-1.00pm Lunch
- 1.00pm -2.45pm **Climate Justice** - ***Chair: Brendan Sydes, EDO Victoria***
- Professor David Schlosberg, University of Sydney 'The role of environmental justice within the climate justice debate'
 - Associate Professor Wendy Steele and Dr Hartmut Fuenfgeld, RMIT 'The politics of climate justice: working within and between the mainstream'
 - Dr Rowena Maguire, QUT 'Climate justice and forest conservation - the REDD scheme'
 - Wendy Flannery, Friends of the Earth Brisbane, 'Climate justice: balancing responsibility and impact'
- 2.45 - 3.15pm Afternoon Tea
- 3.15 - 4.15 **Planning and development in Queensland** - ***Chair: Wendy Steele***
- Dr Jason Byrne, Griffith University and Dr Aysin Dedekorkut, Griffith University 'Overview of planning and Environmental Justice in Queensland'
 - Jo Bragg, Principal Solicitor, EDO Qld 'Where's the justice? Reforming the Queensland Planning Laws without public consultation'
- 4.15 - 4.45 Open space discussion - facilitated by Michelle Maloney
- 4.45 - 5pm **Conclusions and next steps**
Michelle Maloney, Wendy Steele and Jason Byrne

HOW TO REGISTER YOUR ATTENDANCE

Please book online:

<http://www.trybooking.com/EODZ>

To help cover lunch, morning and afternoon tea, we are charging a small fee:

\$15 for AELA members

\$18 for non-AELA members

We aim to be as inclusive as possible, so if this fee might prevent you from attending, please get in touch:

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