

Rethinking sustainability: biodiversity, economics and governance

Workshop—Saturday 5 October 2019, 1pm-4pm

**Citiplace Community Centre, Upper level,
City Railway Station Complex Wellington Street, Perth, WA**

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Overview

As the impacts of climate change, biodiversity loss and environmental degradation escalate in Australia, we urgently need to explore new thinking and new governance models that can help us live within our ecological limits and restore the environment. In this workshop, we will explore the current state of biodiversity in Australia and around the world, and discuss new ways forward for our care and custodianship of the living world.

Professor Judy Fisher will provide an overview on the state of biodiversity around the world drawing from the IPBES Report released in May this year. IPBES is the intergovernmental body which assesses the state of biodiversity and of the ecosystem services it provides to society. Judy has been a Co-ordinating Lead Author for the IPBES Global Assessment on Land Degradation and Restoration and a Lead Author for the IPBES Assessment on Biodiversity & Ecosystem Services in Asia and the Pacific. She is also Co-Chair of the IPBES Indigenous and Local Knowledge Task Force.

Dr Michelle Maloney will then provide a thought-provoking presentation that explores a pathway for reframing environmental governance within the pressures of the 21st Century. By using a bioregional governance approach, that brings human economic systems and demands on natural resources within the ecological limits of the natural world, Michelle will challenge current sustainability models and offer new frameworks for action. Her discussion will enable participants to discuss and critique systemic problems within our current legal, economic and political systems, explore new thinking around community and wellbeing economics, and legal frameworks such as the Rights of Nature.

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About the presenters

Dr Michelle Maloney

is a lawyer and international leader in the Earth laws and Earth jurisprudence movement, is Co-Founder and National Convenor of the Australian Earth Laws Alliance (AELA), Co-Founder of the New Economy Network Australia (NENA) and an Adjunct Senior Fellow at the Law Futures Centre, Griffith University. Visit Michelle's profile page:

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