



The Sustainable Engineering Society

...engineering in harmony with ecology

Presents:

Tuesday 15 October 2013

Time: 5:30pm for 6:00pm start

Venue:

Hawken Auditorium, Engineering House
447 Upper Edward St, Brisbane

Cost:

Members \$15
Non Members \$30
Students \$10

Please register to assist catering

PLEASE NOTE: Booking online is recommended.
Only Credit Card payments can be accepted at the door.

Speakers:

**Michelle Maloney – National Convenor
Australian Wild Law Alliance**

Michelle Maloney is an environmental lawyer with 20 years experiencing managing climate change and sustainability projects. She is the National Convenor and Co-Founder of the Australian Earth Laws Alliance (AELA); is currently completing her doctoral thesis in law at Griffith University and works part-time at the Griffith Climate Change Response Program.

**Jo-Anne Bragg - Principal Solicitor at the
Environmental Defender's Office**

After beginning her career in Law with Minter Ellison in Sydney in company and commercial law, Jo-Anne moved to Brisbane in 1992 to join EDO Qld, and is now the longest serving EDO solicitor in Australia. Jo has provided invaluable legal advice and legal education to members of the public and community and environment groups, and has made critical contributions to reforming Queensland's environmental laws, particularly in successful advocacy for expanded third party enforcement rights. Jo has worked on many successful test cases concerning the Commonwealth and State environmental laws.

Drinks and Networking

Please join us for a few drinks and light supper after the presentation.

The presentation will count as one hour towards your CPD.

New Trends in Environmental Law: Wild Law and the Rights of Nature

The rapidly growing 'Rights of Nature' movement seeks to weigh and balance the rights of humans against those of the whole Earth community. Ecuador have recognised Mother Nature in their constitution, Bolivia and more than two dozen municipal governments in the USA have Rights of Nature legislation and in New Zealand, the Whanganui River ecosystem has been granted 'personhood' rights. So where does Australia figure in this movement?

This seminar features an introduction to Wild Law (or 'Earth Jurisprudence') and Rights of Nature by Michelle Maloney, National Convenor of the Australian Earth Laws Alliance. The talk will include an overview of the global movement advocating for Earth centred law and governance, and reflect on the relevance of this trend to the engineering profession.

Jo-Anne Bragg, Principal Solicitor of the Environmental Defender's Office Queensland will then discuss current trends in Queensland and Australian environmental law, and both speakers will discuss the potential and barriers for having Earth centred law and governance (including Rights of Nature legislation) in Australia.

The seminar will comprise 40 minutes of presentations and discussion by the guest speakers, followed by 20-30 minutes for questions and discussion.



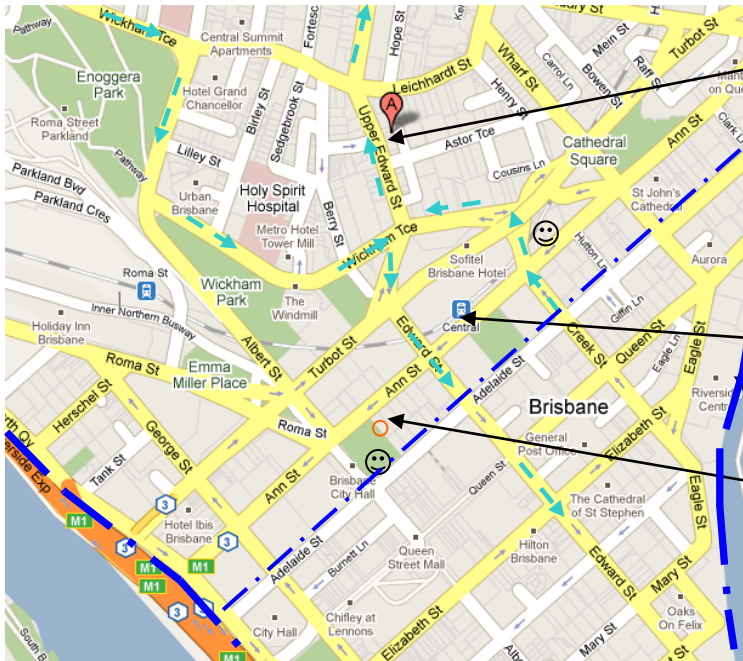
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- For catering purposes **please register by 5pm on Thursday 10 October 2013.**
- Register on-line at the [QLD Division Events Website](http://www.qld.gov.au/division-events)
- Please telephone Qld Division for any registration queries (07) 3832 3749

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every 10 minutes until 6pm

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For more information go to <http://www.translink.com.au/> or visit the **Transport Information Centre** at King George Square station, Ann Street Concourse.

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General - \$71.50

Student - FREE

Retired - \$27.50

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General - \$93.50

Student - FREE

Retired - \$38.50

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