



Indigenous Peoples & Saltwater / Freshwater Governance for a Sustainable Future

**Call for Participants & Presenters - Workshop
11-12 February 2016, Hobart, Australia**

The University of Tasmania (Institute for Marine and Antarctic Studies) and the Australian National University (ANU College of Law) are convening a workshop to bring together scholars and community practitioners to discuss the environmental governance of marine and freshwater areas by and from the perspective of Indigenous peoples. With a broad global and interdisciplinary scope, the workshop invites presentations about the governance and policy issues associated with the rights and interests of Indigenous peoples in marine, coastal and inland water environments. This includes issues such as resource harvesting, legal rights and interests, protected area management, Indigenous legal systems, customary law, the role of Indigenous environmental governance knowledge, and community economic development. We encourage presentations that traverse disciplinary boundaries and the relationship between different environments (including country (terrestrial environments) and the many types of water environments).

The distinguished keynote speaker for the workshop is Associate Professor Jacinta Ruru of the University of Otago Faculty of Law, a preeminent scholar of Indigenous legal issues whose research engages closely with many of the themes of this workshop.

The broad aims of the workshop are to:

- provide a collegial forum in which to present and debate current research and governance initiatives;
- foster an inclusive and supportive global network of scholars and practitioners and representation by Indigenous peoples interested in marine / water governance that relates to Indigenous communities; and
- identify new research issues and case studies, and foster new opportunities for research collaboration and publication.

Practicalities:

Venue

To be held at the University of Tasmania in Hobart on 11-12 February.

Submission of presentation proposals

The workshop will feature a series of presentations, each of approximately 20 minutes, along with moderated roundtable discussions. We welcome submission of proposals to make a presentation on any topic relating to Indigenous peoples and marine / freshwater environments from any academic discipline or community / practitioner experience, and presentations may address the themes of the workshop in regard to any country.

By **1 July 2015**, please submit your presentation proposal by providing an abstract of the subject-matter of the talk, of no more than 300 words, and a brief biographical statement of no more than 200 words. Submit the abstract and bio directly to the workshop organisers, whose contact information is below. Early submissions are encouraged, and decisions on acceptance will ordinarily be reached within two weeks.

Presenters are not expected to provide a full written paper for the workshop, although any presenter is welcome to do so in the interests of sharing knowledge and soliciting feedback.

Publication

The *Indigenous Law Bulletin* - a leading Australian journal for accessible, accurate and timely information about Indigenous peoples and the law – has expressed a strong interest in publishing papers from this workshop. Therefore, presenters who submit a written paper may have the opportunity to publish their paper in a special edition of the *Indigenous Law Bulletin* (c. 3,000 words), to be published in mid 2016. Publication would be subject, of course, to normal peer review and editorial processes.

Registration

All workshop participants, whether presenting or just attending, must register in advance, the cost of which is A\$120. This fee covers catering for both days. For an additional A\$60, participants can elect to join a special dinner at a local restaurant to be held on 12 February. Details about the registration procedure and payment arrangements will be provided later.

Campus accommodation is available, ranging for approximately \$70 - \$100 (per person with ensuite): <http://www.accommodation.utas.edu.au/summer-and-casual/summer>

Enquiries to workshop organisers

Enquiries about registering to participate, to make presentation, or any other practicalities, should be submitted to either:

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