



Environmental Justice Symposium

EVENT PROGRAM

8:45 – 9.15 Registration

9.15 - 9:30 Welcome & Opening Remarks (Elizabeth McKinnon)

9:30 - 10:15 Keynote Address: *Environmental Justice: Then and Now* (David Schlosberg)

10:15 - 10:30 Coffee and Tea Break

10:30 - 11:45 Panel discussion: *Why does Environmental Justice matter?*

Brad Jessup, Centre for Resources, Energy and Environmental Law
University of Melbourne (session chair)

Cheryl Batagol, Chairman of the Victorian EPA

Cam Walker, Campaigns Co-ordinators, Friends of the Earth
Australia

Darren Parker, PHD candidate (Aboriginal cultural heritage and
mining), Melbourne Law School, The University of Melbourne

Damien Sullivan, Senior Manager, Equity in response to climate
change program, Brotherhood of St Laurence

Colleen Hartland MLC, Greens elected representative in the Upper
House of Victorian State Parliament representing the Western
Metropolitan Region and former Coode island activist

11:45 - 12:00 Break

12:00 - 13:15 Panel discussion: *Environmental Justice in practice*

Brendan Sydes, CEO, Environment Defenders Office (Vic) (session chair)

David Schlosberg, Department of Government and International Relations, University of Sydney

Harry van Moorst, CEO of Western Region Environment Centre

Michelle Maloney, lawyer and researcher, Climate Change Response Program, Griffith University

Marion Carey, public health physician, Doctors for the Environment and Monash Sustainability Institute

Dr Anne Schwenkenbecher, Research Fellow, Zero Carbon Australia, Social Justice Initiative at the University of Melbourne, the Nossal Institute for Global Health

13:15 - 14:00 Lunch

14:00 - 15:45 World Café (Facilitated by Michelle Maloney)

Are there repercussions of broadening environmentalism to include 'justice'? (Cecelia Riebl, EDO)

How can environment justice principles be incorporated in to the legal and governance system in Australia? (Michelle Maloney, Griffith University)

What is meaningful and genuine participation? (Jessamy Nicholas, EPA)

Participants in the environment movement: how can we rectify the lack of ethnic minority representation, and reduce the dominance of privileged planning objectors? (Helen van den Berg, Friends of Steele Creek and Terminate Tullamarine Toxic Dump Action Group)

An Australian Environmental Justice movement – where will it come from, who will be involved and what might its activities be? (Mick Power, EDO)

15:45 - 16:00 Coffee and Tea Break

16:00 - 16:30 World Café wrap up session/Plenary

16:30 - 17:00 Closing Remarks

SPEAKER INFORMATION



Elizabeth McKinnon

Elizabeth is the Law Reform Director at the Environment Defenders Office (Victoria), a not-for-profit organisation of public interest environmental lawyers. Elizabeth is currently undertaking a research project at the EDO on 'environmental justice'. Elizabeth is also Vice President of the Board of Environment Victoria Inc.



David Schlosberg

David is a Professor of Environmental Politics in the Department of Government and International Relations at the University of Sydney. He is known nationally and internationally for his work in environmental politics, environmental movements, and political theory, in particular the intersection of the three with his work on environmental justice. He has authored two books on the topic: *Environmental Justice and the New Pluralism* (Oxford 1999) & *Defining Environmental Justice* (Oxford 2007).



Brad Jessup

Brad is a human geographer and an environmental law specialist and is currently a Lecturer at Melbourne Law School. Brad's research and teaching crosses disciplines in the legal geography tradition. Brad is especially interested in the law of place and the human and environmental experience of harm and the role of the law. Brad is nearing the end of his PhD with the ANU on the topic of ecological and environmental justice in Australian environmental law.



Cheryl Batagol

Cheryl is the EPA Victoria's Chairman, joining the EPA in 2009. Prior to this, Cheryl worked in the waste management industry for over thirty years in both private and public companies, retiring in 2000 from Brambles Australia Ltd's Cleanaway division. Cheryl was previously the Chairman of Melbourne Water for five years. She holds various board positions in environmental organisations.



Cam Walker

Cam has worked with Friends of the Earth since 1989, campaigning on issues from forests to toxics, Indigenous issues, sustainability, and climate change. He spent 6 years on the executive of FoE International. A main campaign focus of his since 2005 has been the social and human rights dimensions of climate change.

Darren Parker

Darren Parker is a Ngannawal man, a Melbourne law school graduate and current PhD candidate researching in the area of Aboriginal cultural heritage, who likes: to sing off-key; has mad baking skills; can make you laugh (whether intended or not); enjoys awkward silences; and often gets told 'you look familiar'.

Damien Sullivan

Damian Sullivan is the Senior Manager, Equity in response to climate change program in the Research and Policy Centre of the Brotherhood of St Laurence. A key focus of his work is energy efficiency policy and programs which assist low income households respond to climate change. He is currently overseeing the evaluation of the Moreland Solar City 'Warm Homes Cool Homes' program.



MLC Colleen Hartland

Colleen is a Greens Member of Parliament for the Western Metropolitan Region and the Victorian Greens' spokesperson for Health, Community Services, Women's and Multicultural Affairs. Colleen has lived in Footscray for over twenty-five years and has a history of activism in urban environmental issues such as

contaminated sites, toxics and the Coode Island disaster. She was a founding member of the Hazardous Materials Action Group (HAZMAG).



Brendan Sydes

Brendan Sydes is the CEO of the Environment Defenders Office Victoria, and is an environmental lawyer. He has a strong interest in access to justice and public interest lawyering. Brendan is a Committee member and former Chair of the Federation of Community Legal Centres.



Harry van Moorst

Harry is the Director of the Western Region Environment Centre and has long history in community activism in the environment and social justice space. Among many things, Harry was the convenor of the Coalition Against Poverty and Unemployment in the 1980s, the primary organiser of the "People's Tax Summit" and an author of the People's Budget, and was one of the chief organisers of the successful campaign against the

proposed toxic dump in Werribee. He's currently involved with the issues of Brown Coal Mining in Victoria, loss of Green Wedge land and ongoing hazardous waste work.



Michelle Maloney

Michelle is an environmental lawyer and researcher at the Griffith Climate Change Response Program, Griffith University. Michelle is also the National Convenor of the Australian Wild Law Alliance. Michelle is on the Management Committee of the EDO Queensland and is a PhD Candidate at the Griffith University's Socio-Legal Research Centre. Her research interests include the role of law in reducing consumption of natural

resources, Earth Jurisprudence and the nexus between sustainability, climate change and social justice.



Marion Carey

Dr Marion Carey is a public health physician specialising in environmental health and a member of the National Executive of Doctors for the Environment Australia. She is currently VicHealth Senior Research Fellow in Climate Change and Health at the Monash Sustainability Institute, Monash University. Her areas of interest include the importance of biodiversity for public health, heat and air pollution under climate change,

adaptation of services to the homeless to the increasing challenges of extreme weather and the health impacts of coal, coal seam gas and wind farms.



Anne Schwenkenbecher

Dr Anne Schwenkenbecher is a Research Fellow in the Zero Carbon Australia and Social Equity Project, University of Melbourne. She received a PhD in philosophy from Humboldt University, Berlin, in 2009. She specializes in political philosophy and applied ethics. She has published articles on the ethics of climate change, the morality of groups and the

ethics of war and terrorism.