

THE SILENT VICTIM: CRIMES AGAINST THE ENVIRONMENT

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Agent Orange, Napalm, Gulf war oil spill, Kuwait oil fires, draining of the Mesopotamian marshes, nuclear weapons...

Through the ages, the environment has been targeted as a 'victim' or used as a 'weapon' in the conduct of war. While the consequences have often been devastating and far-reaching, such harm to the environment has often been ignored from the perspective of legal redress.

This event hosts the Australian book launch of Professor Steven Freeland's new book, which considers the inclusion of a new crime in the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court, to be called "Crimes Against the Environment".

Steven Freeland and Don Henry will discuss the environmental challenges that warfare poses, the legal recourse available under the current legal framework, and the potential for prosecution and remedies under the proposed crime of "Crimes Against the Environment".

Professor Steven Freeland is Professor of International Law at the University of Western Sydney, a Permanent Visiting Professor at the iCourts Centre of Excellence for International Courts at the University of Copenhagen, and a Visiting Professor at the University of Vienna. He has also been a Visiting Professional within the Appeals Chamber at the ICC and a Special Advisor to the Danish Foreign Ministry in matters related to the ICC.

Professor Don Henry is a Public Policy Fellow for Environmentalism based within the Melbourne Sustainable Society Institute at the University of Melbourne. Prior to joining the University, Don was Chief Executive Officer of the Australian Conservation Foundation, and before that was Director of the Global Forests Program, World Wildlife Fund, working with the World Bank. Don is an International Board member of Al Gore's 'Climate Reality Project'.

Time

Monday 17 August 2015
6 pm for 6.30 pm

Location

King & Wood Mallesons
Level 61, Governor Phillip Tower
1 Farrer Place, Sydney

Refreshments will be
provided

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The event is free but
bookings are essential

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