

Workshop on Innovations in Social Impact Assessment and Monitoring for the Resources Sector



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In an environment of rapidly changing operating conditions and community expectations, the effective ongoing assessment and monitoring of social and economic impacts is critical for understanding and managing key social risks and opportunities. Leading organisations are moving beyond compliance to utilise social assessment techniques across the life-cycle of projects. This workshop presents a unique opportunity for government, industry, professional consultants and non-government practitioners to interact with an exceptional field of specialists. It provides an opportunity to traverse emerging issues in social impact assessment and monitoring relevant to the mining, petroleum, infrastructure, development and natural resource management sectors.

Presentations, aimed at a practitioner audience, will highlight innovations in policy and industry frameworks, theory and practice and cover topics such as baseline assessments, indigenous engagement, cumulative impacts, economic impacts and benefits, community engagement, monitoring and indicators, and the impacts of decommissioning and mine closure. Case studies will illustrate examples in a practical context.

WORKSHOP SPEAKERS

Researchers:

- **Professor Frank Vanclay**, lead author of the 'International Principles for Social Impact Assessment' and editor of the *International Handbook of Social Impact Assessment*,
- **Professor David Breerton**, Director of the Centre for Social Responsibility in Mining (CSRSM), Sustainable Minerals Institute, The University of Queensland,
- **Professor John Rolfe**, Professor in Regional Development Economics, Central Queensland University,
- **Professor Stewart Lockie**, Director of the Institute for Health and Social Science Research, Central Queensland University and author and editor of *Rurality Bites: The Social and Environmental Transformation of Rural Australia*,
- **Professor Daniela Stehlik**, Director of the Research Centre for Stronger Communities, Curtin University of Technology,
- **Professor Ciaran O'faircheallaigh**, Griffith University, leading authority on indigenous agreements in the resources sector;
- **CSRSM Researchers.**

Industry practitioners:

- **Mr Simon Nish**, Principal Advisor Community Agreements, Rio Tinto,
- **Ms Janet Reark**, Manager of Community Relations, Rio Tinto Coal,
- **Adjunct Assoc Professor Laurence Goldman**, The University of Queensland, lead anthropological consultant to ExxonMobil on the proposed PNG LNG Gas Project in Papua New Guinea,
- **Ms Sally McMartin**, Director, Sally McMartin Consulting, on behalf of the Minerals Council of Australia.

Government Sector:

- **Ms Lisa Pollard**, Manager Regional Development Strategies, Department of Tourism Regional Development and Industry, Queensland Government,
- **Speaker from Local Government Association of Queensland.**

WORKSHOP OBJECTIVES

- To highlight innovations and developments in SIA theory and practice for government, industry, professional consultants and non-government practitioners;
- To provide insights into how regulatory agencies and companies are incorporating SIA into their policies and management systems;
- To discuss the socio-economic aspects of mine closure and the development of strategies to minimise impacts associated with closure;
- To review developments in SIA methodology, engaging with indigenous groups, and monitoring frameworks.



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WORKSHOP PROGRAM

Context

Emerging Issues in SIA Theory and Practice

Innovations in Industry SIA Practice

Practitioner Perspectives on Social Assessment in the Resources Sector

Incorporation of SIA Approaches into Company Standards of Practice

Working with Baselines and SIAs beyond the Operation

Mine Closure

Socio-Economic Issues associated with Mine Closure

Emerging Policy Approaches

Emerging Government Policy Approaches for Resource Communities

Local Government Perspectives on SIA

Advances in the Assessment and Management of Cumulative Impacts

Social Assessment Methods

An Overview of SIA Methodologies

Socio-Economic and Environmental Benefit and Impact Assessment (SEEBIA)

Case Studies on SIA in Practice

Indigenous Engagement

Engaging with Indigenous Peoples in the Resource Industries

Case Studies on Indigenous Engagement

Economic Impacts

Assessing Economic Impacts and Benefits

Management

Integrating SIA into Management Frameworks

Monitoring

Participatory Monitoring

Monitoring Frameworks and Indicators



BENEFITS OF ATTENDING

- Share the knowledge and experience of participants, presenters and facilitators on social and economic impact assessment theory and practice for the resource and infrastructure development sectors;
- Understand the challenges of assessing and monitoring complex social issues and the development of management approaches to reduce impacts and enhance opportunities;
- Keep up to date with emerging policy and regulatory approaches to move beyond compliance.

Delegates should expect to participate in interactive sessions and open discussions with workshop presenters.



WORKSHOP AUDIENCE

The workshop will benefit both new and experienced SIA practitioners and managers in the mining, petroleum, infrastructure development and natural resource management sectors.

Specifically it will benefit:

- Consultants and industry practitioners involved in the planning, reviewing, or conducting of SIAs;
- Officers and managers within commonwealth, state and local government agencies that have a focus on approvals and assessments, regional development, program evaluation and program assessment, or policy development related to the natural resource sectors;
- Staff of non-government organisations interested in engaging in the SIA process; and
- Community relations and community development practitioners and managers.

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DELEGATE DETAILS

Title:
First Name:
Surname:
Position:
Organisation:
Postal Address:
Suburb/Postcode:
State/Country:
Phone:
Fax:
Email:
Dietary Requirements:

REGISTRATION (Due 19 March 2009)

- 2 Day Registration - \$1950
 Not-for-Profits - 2 Day Registration - \$1195

All prices include GST. Registration costs include morning/afternoon refreshments, lunches, and a comprehensive set of notes. Limited places available.

PAYMENT DETAILS

Cheque - made payable to The University of Queensland
 Company Purchase Order No:
Company ABN No:
Mailing address for invoice:
 Bankcard MasterCard Visa
Card Number:
Name of Cardholder:
Expiry Date:
Signature:

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PAID DATE:

INVOICE NO:

ENTRY DATE:

ACCOMMODATION

Delegates can book their accommodation at their own expense at the following hotels:

Royal On The Park
Cnr Alice & Albert Street
Brisbane QLD 4000
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Email: res@royalonthepark.com.au

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130 William St
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 Colleague Other (please specify):

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WORKSHOP INFORMATION

Course days will commence at 8.30am and generally conclude at 5.00pm. Please note these times may be subject to slight variations. For more information please go to: www.acmer.uq.edu.au/training/program.html

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