

# PROPERTY RIGHTS AUSTRALIA

*“The erosion of private property rights is the single biggest issue facing the rural community. It creates uncertainty, stifles investment, job creation and threatens incomes and service delivery.”*

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## Conference Bulletin No 3

Club Hotel Roma, Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> June, 2011, commencing 8.30am

Meet and Greet same location 6.30pm Friday 24<sup>th</sup>.

Last year the theme of our conference was “**Administrative Abuse**”. We demonstrated abuse in the administration of laws emanating from extreme environmentalism in three states, WA, NSW and Qld.

This year the theme is “**Rights Undermined**” in which we will highlight the conflict between our surface rights and the state owned and administered mineral rights. The government has a responsibility to allow mining interests access to a valuable resource. In this conference I hope we can demonstrate that if it’s good enough in the public interest and environmentalism to sterilise our assets in our hands (locking up large tracts of timbered endangered ecosystems and water), it is also paramount in the same interests to have iconic farmlands, aquifers, and the Great Artesian Basin out of bounds.

Pandering to extreme environmentalism has broken the economies of a lot of western countries whose governments now, perversely, have to plunder the environment they were “saving”. This is particularly the case in some states in the US and the state of Queensland.

Federal and State Labor governments appeasing noisy extreme minority groups have made snap decisions. Two examples are the Carbon Tax and the ban on live trade. Larissa Waters, the recently elected Greens Senator who will soon assume the balance of power in the senate advocated the immediate closure of all coal mines. She asserted that ecotourism will take up the slack. We don’t need any more own goals.

- Our first speaker, **Barrister Phillip Sheridan**, will give a quick update on PRA’s core business, activity in the courts.
- **John Darley** and **Peter Manuel**, our interstate visitors from SA will bring us up to date on problems in their state.
- **Cr Annie Clarke**, Burke Shire Mayor, will comment on Wild River administration and the live trade debacle. Stuart Mackenzie, advertised earlier, has had to withdraw because of busloads of tourists visiting his on property dinosaur diggings.
- Peter Anderson, because of urgent work commitments and staff leaving, cannot attend but will nominate for the board again.
- **Peter Shannon**, landowner and solicitor from Dalby, **Graham Clapham** from Brookstead, **Megan and Doug Baker** from Daandine, **Neville Stiller** from Guluguba and **Richard Golden** from Yuleba will give accounts of their experiences with coal and coal seam gas mining and then form a forum for questions.
- In the next session following a short commercial break with **Mick Alexander** of Grazing Bestprac, **Ian Hayllor**, chairman of Basin Sustainability Alliance will canvas the difficulties caused by conflicts between surface rights but also identify not negotiable positions.
- **Ashley McKay** will give us some of his thoughts on food security.
- We will then conduct a **forum with all speakers**.

The federal LNP Member for Maranoa, **Hon Bruce Scott** will attend the meeting in the morning and **Vaughan Johnson**, the state LNP member for Gregory will attend in the afternoon. They will address the meeting at a time of their choosing.

The Annual General meeting will follow.

There will be an evening meal for those who wish to stay.

John Mikkelsen due to his present duties as Chief of Staff with Ken O'Dowd, Federal Member for Flynn, will not be able to attend.

At the **Meet and Greet Ian Mott** will acquaint us with some of the hazards of the blogosphere and John Darley, Peter Manuel and Cr Annie Clarke will be present.

Everyone is most welcome to attend.

Registrations commence at 7.45am on Saturday. Early registrations sent to PRA Office are most appreciated.

Regards

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