

## Women's Climate Conversations #6

### Listening to First Nations knowledge to inform Earth-centred, collaborative governance

**Tuesday 10th August, 12noon to 1 pm AEST**

CHAT

#### Greetings/Acknowledgment

From Merrilee to Everyone: Hello everyone. Greetings from Mandjoogordap home of the Binjareb Noongar boodja

From Lynn Benn she/her Wonnarua Country to Everyone: Wonnarua

From Perri H to Everyone: Wurundjuri Country

From Joanne Ede to Everyone: Turrbal and Juggera Peoples - Brisbane

From Lesley Irvine to Everyone: Ngunnawal

From Michelle Maloney to Everyone: Hello from Jagera and Turrbal country, in north Brisbane

From Jenifer James to Everyone: Proudly on Yuin Nation

From LIZ TILLEY to Everyone: Greetings from Ngunnawal Country (Canberra)

From kate wylie to Everyone: Kurna Land

From Lesley Shuttleworth to Everyone: I am really sorry but will have to leave at 12.30 for a work meeting. I am joining from the unceded lands of Wurundjeri people

From Philippa Rowland to Everyone: Greetings from unceded Peremangk Kurna country Adelaide hills

From gaby to Everyone: hello from nipaluna in lutruwita

From Honey to Everyone: Honey in Ngunnawal/Ngambri country

From sue gilbey to Everyone: hello from Kurna country

From Wild Mountains environmental education centre to Everyone: Yugumbah/Miginberri/ SEQ Logan -Albert water catchment.

From Karen Paull to Everyone: Greetings from Cameraygal land

From Iolanthe Mae to Everyone: Zooming in from unceded Ngunnawal and Ngambri land

From Sarah Reid to Everyone: Joining from Ngunnawal land. Thanks for this session.

From Jem Stone to Everyone: Im gratefully living on Wurundjeri Woi Wurrung country

From Annie Parkhill to Everyone: Hi, I am sitting in Wurundjeri land, Annie

From Jenny Robinson to Everyone: Jenny in Ngunnawal/Ngambri country

From Laurannyen to Everyone: Walbanga country here

From Catherine she/her Kuarna land to Everyone:

Greetings from Kurna Land

From Irma to Everyone: Hi from Irma in Greenbushes, Noongar country.

From Sanne (Wurundjeri woi wurrong country, Naarm) to Everyone: Kii from Wurundjeri Woi Wurrong country

From Carla Alzamora to Everyone: Hello from Ngunnawal/Ngambri country

From Jean Thomas to Everyone: Respecting Djirrbal people and country in FNQ - from my ancestors to yours I say sorry.

From Lucy Taylor to Everyone: ya pataway lutruwita

From Christina Meyers to Everyone: Hi I'm in Meanjin (Brisbane) on Jagera and Turrbal country

From Claire O'Rourke to Everyone: Hi- dialling in from unceded Dharawal country.

From Kat Widderington-Oliver to Everyone: Hello from Wurundjeri country

From Zohl de Ishtar to Everyone: Zohl de Ishtar sitting on unceded Wangal Country.

From Jenifer James to Everyone: I am here, just turned off video

From IvapeneSeiuli to Everyone: Greetings from Ngunnawal country

From Victoria Farrant to Everyone: Andrea here from Barapa Barapa country.

Trish McEwan to Everyone: Ngunnawal/Ngambri country

From Daniel Keszler to Everyone: Bundjalung country here 🙏

## Comments/questions

From Rashmi Patel to Everyone:

Bahá'u'lláh declared over a century ago, "True peace and tranquility will only be realized when every soul will have become the well-wisher of all mankind." The perils of a global community divided against itself are too great to countenance.

From Jenny Robinson to Everyone: Our Earth mother. Beautiful described. Wonderful conversation Janet et al.

From Joanne Ede to Everyone:

Mary's description of the Law of Obligation, as it applies to FN peoples embraces our humanity

From Jenny Robinson to Everyone: Thank you Mary.

From Philippa Rowland to Everyone: Thank you for mentioning road crossings under Law of Obligations - speaks to me strongly in Adelaide Hills - echidnas, possums, roos!

From Michelle Maloney to Everyone: "ecological stewardship system" "sacred ecological stewardship system"

From Michelle Maloney to Everyone: To have the Relationist Ethos, is to have a custodial ethic for the land

From Kat Widderington-Oliver to Everyone: My 9/10 Humanities students are listening in now. Thank you Dr Graham

From Michelle Maloney to Everyone: That's fantastic Kat - say hello to your students for us!!

From Jenifer James to Everyone: So important to work on de-colonising language, our brains and hearts and be different...

From Michele Smith to Everyone: Thank you Michelle, so grateful for your insights.

From Rashmi Patel to Everyone: It used humans as slaves and end endured labourers, this is our recent past and continues in different forms

From Jem Stone to Everyone: Its the illusion of separation, that we are separate from our environment

From Rashmi Patel to Everyone: Newtonian, Cartesian, Darwinian thinking ?

From Lesley Shuttleworth to Everyone: When you have a faith the worships sky gods and tells you that this is the vale of sorrows and a better life exists in heaven you begin to devalue this realm. In addition the teaching that man has dominion over the earth then you can begin to accept the idea of its utility. Not meaning to cause offence but I see this as particularly problematic. Then you can add utilitarianism, individualism capitalism etc.

From Jem Stone to Everyone: "Taming" the wild has also come with the taming of the divine feminine. Patriarchy.... Conquering the wild

From Andrea Otto to Everyone: Money is the problem!!!!

From Jenifer James to Everyone: Thanks, Michelle. I so relate to your passion.

From Philippa Rowland to Everyone: I love the interconnected nature of everything that sustains us all

From Iolanthe Mae to Everyone: Dr Mary, seeing as you are from the Gold Coast, what are your thoughts on the light rail project? Are you aware of any Indigenous resistance?

From Michelle Maloney to Everyone: Hi Lesley - yes I agree. The underpinning notions of Christianity (suffer now because life is better later!) are part of the problem

From Rashmi Patel to Everyone: NEED LOVE FOR HUMANS AND OUR ENVIRONMENT WITHOUT WHICH WE HAVE A CHALLENGE OF SURVIVAL ! IPCC REPORT a from YESTERDAY should make us rethink our place on this Earth our common Home

From Jenifer James to Everyone: Dr Mary Graham, Thank you - every time I hear you, give me the strength to work on being part of the change. We ( the West) must change.

From Jean Thomas to Everyone: The shift needs to have a level of emotion involved if we want to see change in de-colonising. Colonial ethos is without emotion - a desensitising, de-humanising and therefore there is no relationship. That's why the colonial ancestors did what they did. Law, business, capitalism, science all lack emotion. Make it OK to bring emotion into those institutions / ethos to trigger a change in this space and a way to start de-colonising.

From Philippa Rowland to Everyone: Women's Business & Men's Business - in many cultures 1. Balance 2. Autonomy 3. Place (I have place so I am) 4. Ethics

From Rashmi Patel to Everyone: EQUALITY FOR WOMEN !PROSPERITY FOR ALL ,

From Philippa Rowland to Everyone: The actual live report from the scientists went beyond the Warning to the Solutions but not picked up by the reporters - shame! There is actually quite a lot of hope in report about what we can do to help - working with not against nature

From Kat Widderington-Oliver to Everyone: Thank you this presentation, it is so meaningful for our young people!

From Rashmi Patel to Everyone: Sustainable Development Goals , 2030 agenda and climate action , Decade of action , for all individuals, institutions and communities need to cohere and synergise and work for a future we can be proud of to future generations

From Philippa Rowland to Everyone: Yes, let's all be Solutionaries! wonderful!

From Michelle Maloney to Everyone: An Earth-centred U-turn!!

From Elizabeth PO' on Noongar Boodjar to Everyone: Thanks for all this.

From Susan Kirby to Everyone: Such an interesting discussion. Thankyou all.

From Kat Widderington-Oliver to Everyone: Thank you. It is a great opportunity for the kids and me!!!

From Jem Stone to Everyone: Good on you Kat <3

From Lesley Shuttleworth to Everyone: thank you for this discussion - deep appreciation

From beatriz Ferreira to Everyone: Fantastic talk! Thank you 🙏

From sue gilbey to Everyone: as always, amazing thank you

From Jem Stone to Everyone: How can we be more involved please?

From Michele Smith to Everyone: Thanks Mary, you are an inspiration.

From Jenifer James to Everyone: Enthralled by this hour. Thank you so very much.

From Lisa FOC Rotating Rep to Everyone: Thankyou for sharing your valuable time and insightful comments.

From Annie Parkhill to Everyone: Such a rich and informative meeting Thanks so much

From Kat Widderington-Oliver to Everyone: Thanks @jemstone for providing the link! Thank you to everyone. We need more of this in the school system!!

From Philippa Rowland to Everyone: Role for WCC?? to provide connection and share material between communities & build collaboration across the country? Thank you - must go - thank you so much Mary & Michelle

From Lisa FOC Rotating Rep to Everyone: How do we email you?

From Michelle Maloney to Everyone: Thanks everyone, lovely to spend the hour with you!

From Perri H to Everyone: Thank you all

From Jean Thomas to Everyone: fantastic thanks

From Rebecca Short - City of Adelaide to Everyone: Thank you to Mary and Michelle and the Women's Climate Congress. A timely session to hear these fundamentals. I'm listening in from Kurna land. Working in Local Council we should be in a good place to understand Obligation - we collect the rubbish and fix the roads, after all.

From Andrea Otto to Everyone: Wonderful Mary, thank you

From Jax Wechsler to Everyone: Thanks ! Very interesting.

From Lee Kirk to Everyone: thank you ....

From Kerri to Everyone: fabulous - thanks so much

From Iolanthe Mae to Everyone: Thank you!

From Trish McEwan to Everyone: Thank you all. A wonderful and inspiring discussion.

From iPhone Daniel Keszler to Everyone: Thank you 🙏

From Christina Meyers to Everyone: Thank you for the great conversation

From Joanne Ede to Everyone: Thanks Everyone

## Links

From Joanne Ede to Everyone:

Future Dreaming Australia <https://www.futuredreaming.org.au/>

Sharing knowledge to build a better future for all of us

From gaby to Everyone:

<https://www.australiaremade.org/podcast>

From Michelle Maloney to Everyone:

Some websites if you're interested folks!

REGENERATIVE SONGLINES- [www.regenerative-songlines.net.au](http://www.regenerative-songlines.net.au)

FUTURE DREAMING - [www.futuredreaming.org.au](http://www.futuredreaming.org.au)

AUSTRALIAN EARTH LAWS ALLIANCE - [www.earthlaws.org.au](http://www.earthlaws.org.au)

NEW ECONOMY NETWORK AUSTRALIA - [www.neweconomy.org.au](http://www.neweconomy.org.au)

AELA <https://www.earthlaws.org.au/>

The Australian Earth Laws Alliance (AELA) is a national not-for-profit organisation whose mission is to increase the understanding and practical implementation of Earth centred governance in Australia, with a focus on law, economics, education, ethics and the arts. AELA's work is inspired by the theory and practice of Earth jurisprudence, which is a governance philosophy and growing social movement. Earth jurisprudence proposes that we rethink our legal, political, economic and governance systems so that they support, rather than undermine, the integrity and health of the Earth.

NENA – New Economy Network Australia - <https://www.neweconomy.org.au/>

The New Economy Network Australia (NENA) is a network of individuals and organisations working to transform Australia's economic system so that achieving ecological health and social justice are the foundational principles and primary objectives of the economic system.

NENA works to facilitate connections, showcase and promote innovative projects, build peer-to-peer learning and use collective strategies to create and advocate for change, so that we can build a strong movement of people demanding, creating and benefiting from a 'new' economy.

From Joanne Ede to Everyone:

The Law of Obligations – Wikipedia - [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Law\\_of\\_obligations](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Law_of_obligations)

The law of obligations is one branch of private law under the civil law legal system and so-called "mixed" legal systems. It is the body of rules that organizes and regulates the rights and duties arising between individuals. The specific rights and duties are referred to as obligations, and this area of law deals with their creation, effects and extinction. An obligation imposes on the obligor a duty to perform, and creates a corresponding right in the obligee to demand performance.

From Michelle Maloney to Everyone:

Thanks Joanne - the link you've shared is a statement about WESTERN LAW, and its framing of law of obligation. Mary's explanation is about ABORIGINAL LAW, and it's very (very!) different in how it connects people to country, place, and each other! :)

**NOTE – We have left these last 2 entries here by way of a warning that if you look up Law of Obligation/s don't go to Wikipedia – it is not the western law version that we are talking about! The Aboriginal Law version is entirely different**

From Joanne Ede to Everyone: MAP

<https://aiatsis.gov.au/explore/map-indigenous-australia>

From Rashmi Patel to Everyone:

<https://www.bic.org/statements/governance-befitting-humanity-and-path-toward-just-global-order>

From Rashmi Patel to Everyone: <https://www.bic.org/statements/equality-men-women-new-reality>

From Rashmi Patel to Everyone: <https://bahaiteachings.org/3-steps-toward-gender-equality/>

From Joanne Ede to Everyone: One other link to explore for the enthusiasts - Local Futures-The Economics of Happiness - <https://www.localfutures.org/>

From Rashmi Patel to Everyone:

<https://bahaiteachings.org/justice-unity-consultation-the-power-to-transform-the-world/>

## ARTICLE

Mary referred to an article by By Jane Gleeson-White

What really counts? How the patriarchy of economics finally tore me apart.

1 August 2021, The Guardian

<https://www.theguardian.com/business/2021/aug/01/what-really-counts-how-the-patriarchy-of-economics-finally-tore-me-apart>

## Events

From Iolanthe Mae to Everyone: I'd like to invite everyone here to a talk about First Nations knowledge and environmental justice hosted by myself, ACF and Conservation Council, happening next Monday 16 August

<https://conservationcouncil.org.au/first-nations-people-and-environmental-justice/?fbclid=IwAR1ZYiVAu3f2kDNOWiODpi84-oRx39RWv4eNla9r3YQJbFS0Da1wprwKMWM>

Facebook event page: <https://fb.me/e/Y6NO1G0I>

From Jem Stone to Everyone: Some of the most important teachings will never come from the mouths of humans, we need to reconnect and listen to our collective mother. Country is teaching us if we know how to listen. I help people remember how. Through a practice called Wayapa Wuurrk . Ill be sharing online on Sunday for anyone who'd like to join me here's the event link <https://fb.me/e/41VKcqUVS>

From Michelle Maloney to Everyone: Sat 14 August - Future Dreaming workshop, 1.30pm to 4pm, via zoom. Visit the website to find the link - [www.futuredreaming.org.au](http://www.futuredreaming.org.au)

NENA Conference - Growing a Wellbeing Economy for Australia 5 - 7 November 2021 - Hybrid conference – you can participate entirely online, or join us 'in person' for all/any sessions, at QUT Kelvin Grove Campus, Brisbane. <https://www.neweconomy.org.au/conferences/2021-conference/>

## Women's Climate Congress

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Next Women's Climate Conversation online; Tuesday 14 September, 5.30-6.30 pm. | <https://www.womensclimatecongress.com/womens-climate-conversations.html>