

Lunchbox seminar series

Gold Coast

Aboriginal Peoples' rights and interests and South East Queensland planning

Abstract:

Australian law has undergone major changes to recognise Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples as important actors in planning and the need to engage with Aboriginal peoples is often expressed positively in planning policy. In contrast, planning practice demonstrates little acknowledgement of these new imperatives. There is a lack of capacity in planning agencies (and the political systems to which they are accountable) to come to terms with the rights, processes and institutions of governance and self-determination at play in Aboriginal groups.

The PhD research reported in this presentation was undertaken as part of a larger, ARC-funded project. Importantly, the Aboriginal parties at the center of the thesis were partners in this ARC Linkage Project. Drawing on accounts from government planners, the Quandamooka Peoples and the Yugara, Jagera and Yugarapul groups in the South East Queensland region, I will detail some of the complexities faced by all parties seeking ways for urban and regional planning processes to engage with Aboriginal interests in Country.

Biography:

Dr Rachael Cole-Hawthorne is a post-doctoral research fellow at Queensland University of Technology working in the fields of environmental planning and natural resource management and a teaching tutor in the School of Environment, Griffith University. Her research focuses on governance and policy and the role of Indigenous peoples and knowledge for more sustainable and just futures.



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