

# ILC:OPENFORUM



This *Open Forum* will be structured around a screening of the groundbreaking documentary *BUSH LAW*, which explores the relationship between existing systems of traditional Aboriginal law and the Australian criminal justice system, with the goal of reducing violent crime in remote Aboriginal communities.

This innovative work reveals candid aspects of Aboriginal law while also presenting a viable model for mainstream criminal law and traditional Aboriginal law to work together. *BUSH LAW* focuses on the Lajamanu community in the Northern Territory, where community elders are advocating for legal recognition of traditional Aboriginal law. The experience of Lajamanu demonstrates the principle that collaboration between the two legal systems can foster the peace and harmony that are the foundation of a strong community.

The forum will begin with a screening of the film, followed by a discussion led by Indigenous Law Centre Director, **Megan Davis**. On the panel will be film maker and lawyer **Danielle Loy**, Lajamanu elder **Martin Johnson**, former Deputy Chief Magistrate of the Northern Territory **Michael Ward**, and Two-ilpa / Bi-Cultural Consultant **Ken Lechleitner**.

THE INDIGENOUS LAW CENTRE  
INVITES YOU TO ATTEND AN  
OPEN FORUM.

## BUSH LAW

6:30—8:30pm

Wednesday

17 March 2010

The Law Building

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