



# Australia's Mining Boom

## The Impact on Aboriginal Communities

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### Indigenous Law Centre Open Forum

Thursday 4 April - 6.30pm– 8pm

Go4 Lecture Theatre, Faculty of Law, UNSW

In Australia over twenty per cent of the land mass is held by Aboriginal people in a variety of statutory land tenure systems including native title. Therefore it is not surprising that over sixty per cent of mining projects in Australia are in close proximity to Aboriginal communities. What are the implications of the current mining boom for these communities? Is the boom creating a 'paradox of plenty' or 'resource curse', with the wealth flowing elsewhere and Aboriginal people left to pick up the costs? Or does the boom represent a once-in-a-generation opportunity to help overcome Aboriginal and social disadvantage?

This Open Forum will discuss some of the beneficial impacts of the mining boom including indigenous agreement-making, economic development and capacity building, indigenous employment and improved infrastructure as well as the adverse effects on cultural and community well being and on Aboriginal peoples' access to affordable housing and health services.

Everyone welcome. RSVP [ilc@unsw.edu.au](mailto:ilc@unsw.edu.au)

#### Panellists

##### **Prof Marcia Langton**

Anthropologist and Geographer.  
Chair of Australian Indigenous Studies at the University of Melbourne.

##### **Prof Ciaran**

**O'Faircheallaigh** Professor of Politics and Public Policy at the School of Government and International Relations, Griffith Business School and Director of Centre for Governance and Public Policy's Program on Politics, Resources and Sustainability.

##### **Prof Megan Davis**

Professor of Law and Director of Indigenous Law Centre UNSW. UN expert member of the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Peoples.



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