

SEMINAR INVITATION

Socioeconomic impacts of plantations

Understanding the socioeconomic impacts of the plantation industry: research findings

These seminars will present results of recent research on the socioeconomic impacts of the plantation industry in WA and other regions, undertaken by researchers in the 'Communities' project of the Cooperative Research Centre for Forestry. Current knowledge, and gaps in that knowledge, will be discussed on topics including:

- ✪ **What are the community's views on plantations?**
 - ✪ **How acceptable are plantations?**
 - ✪ **Who supports and opposes plantations?**
 - ✪ **What are common perceptions about the social and physical impacts of plantations?**
 - ✪ **Why are views on plantations so diverse?**
- ✪ **What are the impacts of plantation expansion on:**
 - ✪ **employment and local economies**
 - ✪ **rural population and rural communities**
 - ✪ **rural land prices**
 - ✪ **traditional agricultural industries?**
- ✪ **How do the impacts of plantations vary in different situations?**
- ✪ **Recent changes in the plantation industry**

Seminar details:

Albany

Monday 22nd June 2009

Dept of Agriculture and Food
Conference Room A&B

444 Albany Hwy, Albany

5.30-7.30pm

Coffee and biscuits from 5pm

Bunbury

Tuesday 23rd June 2009

Dept of Agriculture and Food
Verschuer Place, Bunbury

5.30-7.30pm

Coffee and biscuits from 5pm

Esperance

Thursday 25th June 2009

St Johns' Ambulance Centre,
Windich Street, Esperance

5.30-7.30pm

Coffee and biscuits from 5pm

Presenters:

Dr Kathryn Williams is a Senior Lecturer at the University of Melbourne. Her research examines attitudes and beliefs about landscapes and land use in a range of settings.

Dr Jacki Schirmer is a Research Fellow at the Australian National University. Her research examines the socioeconomic impacts of plantation forestry and other types of land use change.

The seminars are presented by the CRC for Forestry as part of the 'Communities' project.

For more information please go to our website at: <http://www.crcforestry.com.au/research/programme-four/communities/index.html>

The seminars are hosted by the WA Department of Agriculture and Food, Trees SouthWest, Timber 2020, the South East Forest Foundation and the Forest Products Commission.

