

Turning up the Heat:

A symposium for SIA practitioners and researchers



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Macquarie University's Department of Environment and Geography invites social impact practitioners, researchers and social planners to attend this social impact assessment symposium.

Macquarie University's social impact assessment symposium features a series of short presentations by leading social impact assessment (SIA) practitioners on current practice in this important field.

The focus of the symposium is how to turn up the heat on poor SIA practice including outright failure to consider social impacts, unprofessional methods, unethical practices, and avoidance of emerging issues that are clearly in plain sight. Taking the existence of these problems as largely evident and understood, the symposium will focus on ways in which improvements in practice have been achieved (recent success stories) or could be achieved (ways to turn up the heat).

It is proposed to publish an edited collection of papers and workshop summaries on the SIA HUB.

Presentations will be complemented by discussion and feedback sessions.

Program

Introduction	A new look at the state of the art
Session 1	The public sector experience
Session 2	The community experience
Session 3	The consulting experience
Session 4	Ethics in impact assessment

Who should attend?

Planners and policy makers in government and local government agencies who need to consider social impact issues, as well as SIA practitioners and researchers from the disciplines of social policy, health, social science and public policy.

When and where

Date: Friday 21 February 2014

Venue: Room 160, Building E5A, Macquarie University
(Venue accessible via train, bus and car options)

Time: 9:15am - 4:00pm
(Sign in from 9:00am on the day)

Register now

Register online at science.mq.edu.au/sia

This symposium is free to attend, however spaces are limited.

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Venue transport directions provided upon registration.



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Background

What is social impact assessment?

“Social impact assessment (SIA) is a process used to anticipate the social effects of a proposal before it is finalised or a decision is made. It can be used for small projects and for very large urban renewal and resource development projects. The aim is to foresee what social outcomes are likely and prevent negative outcomes, especially severe consequences, and to improve positive outcomes”, Alison Ziller, PhD

Social impact assessment at Macquarie University

Macquarie University is a world leader in social impact assessment offering a dedicated specialist discipline on this important field of study. The approach to SIA teaching at Macquarie embodies the University’s values of scholarship, integrity and empowerment, specifically the underlying need for all institutions to conduct themselves ethically, equitably, and for mutual benefit with the people that use and share resources.



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