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## **Super trawlers, fracking and climate change: new HECS-free Law course for students and professionals covers big issues**

Environmental concerns are in the spotlight now more than ever and a winter school course at UTAS focuses on a range of big issues.

Students and professionals alike are encouraged to consider taking UTAS' winter intensive course in Current Issues in Environmental Law (LAW639).

The course is HECS-free. Non Law students are very welcome to enrol and no prior law study is necessary.

### **The course will examine such issues as:**

- The Super Trawler
- Mining the Tarkine
- International climate change negotiations
- The Tasmanian Forests debate
- Coal seam fracking
- Water rights in a drying world
- Protecting Antarctica

The UTAS Faculty of Law's Professor Jan McDonald is coordinating the team of experts teaching the course.

Prof McDonald specialises in environmental and climate change law and policy.

"LAW639 will examine how environmental issues can affect major projects and developments and how environmental controversies can influence legal, social and political change," Prof McDonald said.

"I encourage those with a professional, personal or academic interest in environmental issues to consider joining us for what will definitely be a compelling course."

LAW 639 will be taught three mornings a week over three weeks from 24 June- 11 July 2013. A new topic will be covered in each session.

**To enrol, please visit:** <http://www.studentcentre.utas.edu.au/admissions/>

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