



MEDIA STATEMENT

Waste & Recycle 2009 Conference

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This year's Waste & Recycle Conference will be held in **Fremantle** on September 15 and 16.

The conference, supported by funds from the waste levy paid on all waste that goes to landfill, will examine the economic, social and environmental impacts of the choices made by the Western Australian community.

Curtin University of Technology's Sarah Mullin will discuss the challenges involved in implementing alternative waste technologies for municipal solid waste management in Western Australia.

Delegates at the forum will have the opportunity to hear keynote presentations, attend site tours and interactive workshops, participate in the panel sessions—or tailor a combination of these to fit their schedule—and help address some of the risky issues facing industry.

Some of the keynote speakers include Sandra Cointreau, a civil sanitary engineer with the World Bank. Sandra has had more than 35 years of experience in planning, design, applied research and project development.

She has cutting edge global knowledge development on private sector involvement, economic instruments, livestock wastes management, social inclusion of the informal sector, occupational health and safety issues, and holistic technology assessment in waste management and site remediation.

Sandra has been a contributor to the World Bank safeguards and environmental, health and safety guidelines at each phase of their development.

Another keynote speaker is Lieutenant General Peter Leah, AC - Director, National Security Institute at the University of Canberra.

Peter retired from the Army in July 2008 after a 37 year career as a soldier. As an infantry officer the focus of his career was with soldiers in command, training and staff appointments. Since leaving the Army Peter has joined the University of Canberra as the foundation Director of the National Security Institute.

Some of the other issues for discussion at this year's conference include; climate change, removing risks at landfill sites, hazardous waste, renewable energy and risk management.

For more information about the Waste & Recycle Conference check the website www.wasteandrecycle.com.au

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