



## Householders' Options to Protect the Environment Inc.

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## MEDIA RELEASE

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### “Sustainable Forest Management” – Free Community Forum, Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> August 2015



Dr Rhett Martin, lecturer in the School of Law and Justice at University of Southern Queensland, has been invited to speak at the 1 August community forum being hosted by Householders' Options to Protect the Environment (HOPE).

The FREE community forum will be held at the Dr Price Room, 6 Little St, Toowoomba, Saturday 1 August, commencing at 4.00pm.

Dr Martin's talk on Sustainable Forest Management explores current regulatory regimes over logging – citing "ecological sustainable development" as a criteria for logging quotas. It represents a potential viable blueprint for Australian states and territories and other nations to use for sustainable logging. It also represents a useful industry application of principles of ecological sustainable development, something that has been incorporated into other resource management and environmental protection legislation with varying degrees of success in terms of practical outcomes.

(Dr Rhett Martin has worked at USQ since July 2014. He has held positions at Monash University, RMIT and as a visiting lecturer at La Trobe University and Swinburne University. Rhett's main research focus is sustainability, environmental regulation, systems thinking in legal regulation. His doctoral studies looked at sustainability law and its application to forestry industry with specific reference to the Victorian model. Prior to commencing work as a lecturer Rhett worked as a solicitor in private practice. With an earlier research focus in banking and finance law, Rhett wrote "Banking and Finance: In Principle." (Thomson) and "Understanding Negotiable Instruments" (Pearson).)

For further information and/or to reserve your seat at the community forum on Saturday 1 August, please contact the HOPE office on ph: 07 4639 2135 or email: [office@hopeaustralia.org.au](mailto:office@hopeaustralia.org.au) .

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