

NCCARF Seminar Series:

‘Climate threat and urban response: an Australian perspective’

When: Wednesday 24 June 2009 4pm-5pm, followed by refreshments.

Where: Queensland College of Art Theatre & Gallery South Bank Brisbane, theatre s05 2.04

RSVP: Registrations essential by 22 June to Kerry Fitzgerald on 07 5552 7326 or k.fitzgerald@griffith.edu.au as numbers are limited.

Climate change and energy insecurity threaten the stability and sustainability of Australian society.

New urban scientific evidence suggests there is no simple spatial fix for over-consumption; planning’s principal role in the fight against climate change will be in developing urban environments that will withstand the vagaries of a harmed climate and rising resource shortages.

The cities and systems that support them are the principal sources of the threats we face but also where solutions can and must be found.

Urban Research Program Director Brendan Gleeson examines the challenge for planners in building a resilient and sustainable society.

About Professor Gleeson

Brendan Gleeson is Director of the Urban Research Program at Griffith University, Australia’s largest concentration of urban planning researchers.

His most recent research focuses on urban resilience in the face of climate change and resource insecurity.

He specialises in urbanisation and urban governance, environmental theory and policy and urban social policy. His public appointments include Brisbane Inner City Advisory Committee, ACT Planning and Land Council and Board Member of Queensland Urban Land Development Authority.

He is a fellow of the Australian Academy of Social Sciences, and co-editor of three books on urban design and environmental policy.

