



A TOP END STS SEMINAR

SECURING SUPPLY

GOVERNING DRINKING WATER IN THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

This seminar presents current research by the Housing for Health Incubator at the University of Sydney in relation to the supply and quality of drinking water in remote Indigenous communities in the Northern Territory. Responding to water contamination incidents at Borroloola in April to June 2018, and elsewhere, the seminar outlines the available protections for drinking water supply in the NT. Our research suggests first that the supply of drinking water in remote towns and communities is limited by the variations in water regulatory regimes across the NT which allow differential forms of responsibility, attention, procedure and intervention. Second, water governance is limited by how authorities are able to know the subterranean objects of governance themselves - including the underground bores and pipes which connect aquifers to houses and people.

'Securing Supply' is the inaugural seminar of the Top End STS Dry Season Seminar Series.

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Kirsty Howey

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3:30-4:30PM

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