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## “Impact assessment in the 21st Century: A focus on social and cultural sustainability in developing the North”

Presented by Jane Munday

With an introduction by Professor Rolf Gerritsen,  
Northern Institute, Charles Darwin University

**When:** Thursday, 11 April 2019

**Time:** 2 to 3 pm

**Where:** Charles Darwin University, Higher Education  
Lecture Theatre, Entrance 2 off Grevillea Drive

**Cost:** Free

**RSVP:** [click here to register](#)

## ABOUT

Tailings dams collapses, protests against coal mines and disgruntled citizens have put impact assessment in the spotlight. Half a century after the first impact assessment legislation, the challenge of the 21st century is better consideration of the issues that matter to communities and giving the people a voice in decision-making.

Jane Munday is a PhD candidate at the Northern Institute of Charles Darwin University. She has been researching models of cultural and social impact assessment that will deliver sustainable social, cultural, ecological and economic Development of the North, paying particular attention to more participatory processes.

Jane will discuss the preliminary findings of her research. This has included an audit of all environmental impact assessments done in the Northern Territory since the Ranger Uranium Mine in 1974. She will outline the findings of interviews with regulators, Aboriginal organisations, NGOs, companies, social and environmental practitioners around Australia exploring the evolution of impact assessment. She will then discuss dimensions of quality impact assessment, interviewees' perceptions of gaps in current practice and how social and cultural impact assessment can better inform good decision-making. She will conclude with some thoughts on solutions.

Jane is a community engagement and social impact assessment practitioner who has lived in the Northern Territory for 25 years. She has qualifications in journalism, psychology, business management, public participation and social impact assessment.