

The University of Sydney's Health and Sustainability Unit and Beyond Zero Emissions cordially invite you to a seminar and the launch of their report on the

# Health and Social Harms of Coal Mining in Local Communities: Spotlight on the Hunter

Rapid expansion of the Australian coal mining sector has highlighted tensions over conflicting needs and priorities of the industry and local communities. Anecdotal reports of disease clusters and social and environmental injustices abound – notably in the Hunter Region which has the highest concentration of coal mining and combustion in Australia, all in close proximity to population centres and farmland. With a massive expansion of coal mining underway, there is an urgent need to better understand these impacts.

Against this backdrop, Beyond Zero Emissions commissioned the Health and Sustainability Unit to explore and report on the local and international evidence about the health and social impacts of coal extraction and combustion on people living in nearby communities. A panel of experts will discuss the findings of the report and their implications for health and public policy.

Professor Stephen Simpson, Director of the Charles Perkins Centre, will open proceedings
The report will be launched by Professor Ian Olver AM, CEO of the Australian Cancer Council who will
join Associate Professor Ruth Colagiuri, principal author of the report,
Professor Linda Connor, Mr Phil Laird (community) and Dr Tiho Ancev, for a panel discussion and Q&A
moderated by Mark Ogge, Beyond Zero Emissions

#### When

5:30pm-7pm Monday 29 October 2012 Medical Foundation Auditorium -The University of Sydney 92-94 Parramatta Road Camperdown NSW 2050 See map below for directions

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### DIRECTIONS TO MEDICAL FOUNDATION AUDITORIUM



## **Getting Here**

## Medical Foundation Building & Auditorium 92-94 Parramatta Rd Camperdown between Larkin Street and Barr Street

The Medical Foundation Building is a large white building.
The entrance to the Medical Foundation Building and Auditorium is off Parramatta Rd under the covered archway.

Continue through the gates to the large courtyard and go down the steps located to your right, follow the path.

The Auditorium is the first open door on your right.

Event signage will be adequately displayed.

#### By bus to and from the City

For stops on Parramatta Road catch routes 412, 413, 435, 436, 437, 438, 440, 461, 480 to and from George Street or Railway Square.

#### By car

Casual car parking is available on-campus on a first come first served basis at a flat rate of \$6 from 3pm each weekday – short walk along Parramatta Road to the Medical Foundation Auditorium