The Costs of Company-Community Conflict in the Extractive Sector

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Abstract: Mineral and energy developments have the potential to transform environments, communities and economies – and to generate social conflict. But if the costs of conflict experienced by companies in the extractive industry were adequately understood would relationships between companies and local communities receive greater priority and attention? Through in-depth confidential interviews and empirical analysis of 50 cases of company-community conflict in the mining industry the presentation will explore how knowledge of the costs of conflict – the negative impacts on a company’s tangible and intangible assets – should change the way companies and governments engage with local communities around mineral and energy developments.

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Read more of this joint work with the Harvard Corporate Social Responsibility Initiative here.

Daniel Franks is a world leading authority in the fields of social impact assessment and corporate social responsibility in the mining and energy sectors.

Join him for a discussion on how knowledge of the costs of conflict should change the way companies and governments engage with local communities around mineral and energy developments.

Date: Thursday 29 May 2014
Time: 5.45pm for 6:00pm - 7.00PM
Venue: Wesfarmers Lecture Theatre
UWA Business School
Hackett Drive, Crawley, Entrance No. 4
Free parking is available in all bays including the undercover car-park from 5pm

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Who should attend: All those who have an interest in addressing the way companies and governments engage with local communities around mineral and energy developments.