



2012 Voiceless **Animal Law Lecture Series**

# Hunted by land and sea

A legal exploration of commercial hunting in Australia and Canada.

Australia's iconic kangaroos are hunted in the largest commercial slaughter of land-based wildlife on the planet – almost 90 million have been lawfully killed in the last 20 years. Canada's harp seals are hunted in the world's largest commercial slaughter of marine mammals – almost 4 million have been lawfully killed in the last 20 years.

With two countries holding such similar records, it is worthwhile exploring the legal parameters of the hunts. In order to do this, Voiceless is proud to present Canadian lawyer Lesli Bisgould as our keynote speaker for 2012.

Lesli is a leader in animal law, having practised in the area for ten years, authored the first Canadian text on the subject and lectured widely throughout Canada and the US.

In what is sure to be a fascinating presentation, Lesli will reflect on her experiences with the seal hunt and offer insights into Australia's own native hunt.

#### Continuing Professional Development

This lecture has been accredited by the ACT Bar Association to accrue 1.5 CPD points in the substantive law strand.

Date: **Thursday 31 May 2012**

Time: **1.00pm – 2.30pm**  
(doors open at 12.45pm)

Venue: **Australian National University**  
ANU College of Law  
Law Link Theatre (Building 7)  
Fellows Road  
Canberra, ACT

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This lecture will be chaired by Voiceless Legal Counsel, **Ruth Hatten**, and opened by Associate Professor with the ANU College of Law, **Ven. Alex Bruce**. A local and legal perspective on the commercial hunting of kangaroos will be given by **Keely Boom**, a lawyer and Research Fellow at THINKK, the think tank for kangaroos.



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