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CLIMATE CHANGE HOT TOPIC OF UNI LECTURE

HEALTH EXPERT TO SPEAK ON CLIMATE CHANGE AT UNIVERSITY

Professor Tony McMichael, a world-renowned expert on health and climate change, will speak at the Stanley Burbury Theatre, University of Tasmania, at 6.00 pm on Wednesday 23 May.

His free public lecture is titled: “Climate Change and Human Health: Implications for Australia and for Sustainability” and will include his views climate change and its effect on agriculture, marine productivity, and extreme weather.

Professor McMichael’s talk will focus on the impact of climate change on human well-being and health, and the need for decision makers to factor climate change into health management strategies.

Professor McMichael is Director of the National Centre for Epidemiology and Population Health at the Australian National University, and an international leader and key advisor to the World Health Organisation. He works in developing research and forecasting methods in relation to the health risks of climate change.

He was previously Professor of Epidemiology at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine. His epidemiological research has spanned occupational diseases; diet, nutrition and disease; and environmental influences on health.

Professor McMichael has played a central role in the work of the UN’s Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) in the assessment of health impacts. He is the author of many scientific papers and several books.

The lecture is presented by the University of Tasmania in association with the Tasmanian Departments of Health And Human Services and Primary Industries and Water.

WHAT: Expert Professor Tony McMichael, a world-renowned expert on health speaking on the impact of climate change on health

WHEN: 6.00 pm on Wednesday 23 May

WHERE: Stanley Burbury Theatre, University of Tasmania

WHO: Professor Tony McMichael

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