

## PRACTITIONER PRESENTATION

### **Cry of the Forests – a tool for educators to engage and inspire audiences to take action to protect our forests and our planet.**

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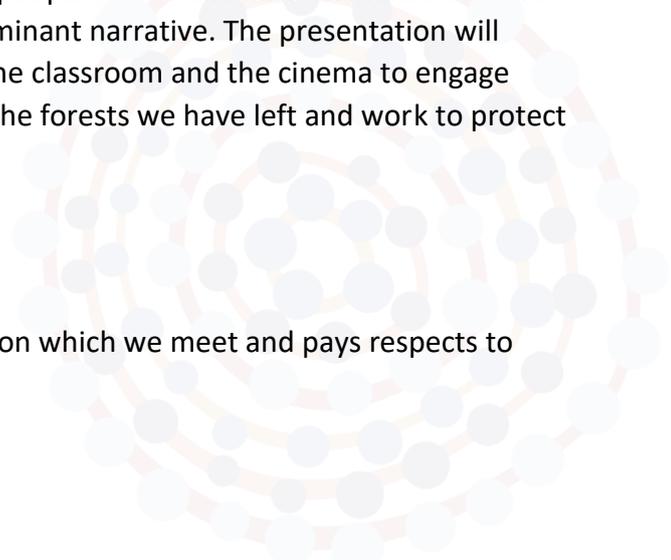
#### **Abstract**

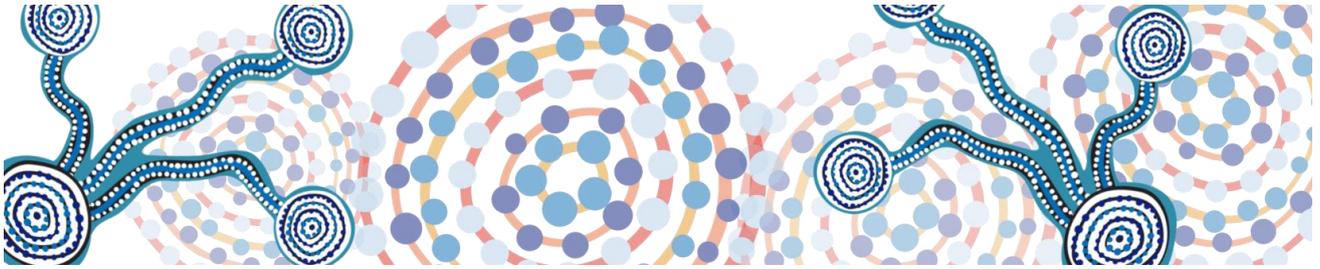
The south west forests of Western Australia grow nowhere else on earth and are part of one of the most biodiverse regions on the planet. They are critically important for biodiversity protection, carbon storage and the water cycle yet we are chopping them down at the rate of 10 football fields every single day.

Cry of the Forests is a social impact documentary film that highlights the plight of WA's native forests and their real value in drawing down and storing carbon. It is currently available to schools and universities and is screening in cinemas around the nation. This presentation discusses the role of documentary film in changing attitudes and building a movement. It looks at how Cry of the Forests is inspiring and engaging audiences and moving people to action. It also examines the role of education in changing attitudes and challenging a dominant narrative. The presentation will discuss how Cry of the Forests can be used as a tool in the classroom and the cinema to engage students and other audiences to understand and value the forests we have left and work to protect them.

#### **Acknowledgement**

We acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of the land on which we meet and pays respects to their Elders past and present.





## Speaker Profile

Jane Hammond is a professional journalist and an international award winning documentary filmmaker. She comes from a background in the mainstream media having worked as a journalist for The Australian, The West Australian and Australian Associated Press. Jane is also a trained primary school teacher and has spent more than 5 years working full-time on the campaign to make Australia frack free. Jane went back to university in 2013 to study filmmaking and has since produced more than 100 short films and three longer form films. She specialises in documentaries about climate change, environmental justice and human rights

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