

Families and Friends for Drug Law Reform

invites you to a

PUBLIC MEETING

sponsored by Joy Burch (MLA)

on

Thursday 23rd April, 2009

12.30 pm

in the Reception Room, ACT Legislative Assembly
Civic Square, London Circuit, Canberra City

Topic:

Illicit drugs policy through the lens of regulation

Speaker:

Alison Ritter

Director Drug Policy Modelling Program, UNSW
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This presentation will describe an attempt to bring the theories of regulation to the issue of illicit drugs. Regulation has a narrow definition as something governments do, using 'command and control' but as will be seen, if the broader definition of regulation is applied, there are opportunities for thinking about new and innovative alternatives. Regulation in relation to illicit drugs is commonly thought of in terms of two central aspects: the international regulatory control regimes, and the legal status of illicit drugs. Alison will argue that by thinking only in these terms, society and our community leaders may miss opportunities to apply regulatory thinking to other aspects of illicit drugs. She will present three new considerations of regulation as applied to illicit drugs:

1. voluntarism, self-regulation
2. economic regulation – through the marketplace
3. non-state regulation.

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A cuppa and refreshments will be available.

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