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FREE PUBLIC LECTURE

Drugs, Driving & Double Standards

WILL ROADSIDE DRUG TESTING KEEP US SAFE OR JUST MAKE THE POLITICIANS LOOK GOOD?

Many will applaud random roadside drug testing as a worthy new step in keeping our roads safe. But will the promised benefits of the quick curbside swab be worth the high costs of implementation, confusing legal implications and frightening impact on law-abiding citizens who may mistakenly be labeled criminals?

This free public lecture explores the complex issues associated with drug driving and questions why only certain types of high profile drugs are targeted while other more dangerous drugs taken by drivers are ignored.

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When

Tuesday 31 October 2006
6pm drinks for 6.30pm start

Where

Lecture Room 429
Level 4
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(accessed from UTS tower)

Free Parking

Peter Johnson Building
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