



INVITATION

*You are cordially invited to a joint event
between the SA Branches of the **Australasian Evaluation
Society** and the **Australian & New Zealand Society of
Criminology***

Evaluating to bridge the political divide

*Using criminal justice as the example, **Professor Rick Sarre** will explore a thorny problem: Is it true to allege, as many continue to do, that policy-making occurs in an evaluative vacuum?*

Political promises about criminal 'justice' are typically narrowly focused, centred on more laws, more police, less discretion in sentencing, longer sentences and more prison beds. Opposition parties rarely argue, lest they be targeted as 'soft on crime', jeopardising their political survival. But there is a large and growing body of cross-disciplinary evaluation and research evidence highlighting successful crime reduction and criminal justice initiatives that are not highly punitive. Are there more effective and more cost-effective policy options? How should evaluators respond?

Dr Rick SARRE is Professor of Law and Criminal Justice at the University of South Australia. He has qualifications in law, religion and sociology, and criminology. He currently lectures in criminal justice, policing, media law, sport law and commercial law.

Time: 4:30 - 6:00pm
Date: Tuesday 4th August 2009
Venue: KPMG Training Room, 151 Pirie St,
Hindmarsh Square, Adelaide

Drinks and light refreshments will be served.

Please **RSVP by 5 pm Monday 3rd August** for catering purposes

To register for this event, email to: gill@communitymatters.com.au