



**Australia Western
Sahara Association**

Working for justice for the Saharawi people

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Australia Western Sahara Association in partnership with the Sydney
Mechanics' School of Arts presents a film night

Western Sahara: The untold story

El Problema

**Dir. by Jordi Ferrer and Pablo Vidal, Spain 2009, 53 min (Spanish & Arabic
with English subtitles)**

The 7.30 report

Australian Broadcasting Corporation. Reporter James Carleton

Professor Emeritus Stuart Rees AM, Director Sydney Peace Foundation at
the University of Sydney, will introduce El Problema documentary

Thursday 15 September 2011

6.00pm for 6.30pm start (finishes 8.30pm)

Sydney Mechanics' School of Arts

The Auditorium, 280 Pitt Street, Sydney NSW 2000

[Map and directions](#)

\$10 (\$5 concession) drinks and nibbles provided



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About the films

El Problema

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'El Problema' (The Problem): filmed (clandestinely) over four and a half years by Spanish directors Jordi Ferrer and Pablo Vidal inside the occupied territories and based on extensive testimonies from Saharawi human rights activists and others. The documentary film highlights how all physical expressions of Saharawi identity are forbidden and even the use of the name Western Sahara or the word 'referendum' is a "problem".

'El Problema' was the winner of the Best of Fests at the International Documentary Film Festival Amsterdam (IDFA) 2010, the Amnesty International Prize at the San Sebastian film festival in 2010, the Human Rights Human Wrongs Film Festival in Oslo 2010, and the First Prize at FISAHARA 2010 International Sahara Film Festival, the Audience Prize, the international festival, MIRADASDOCS, 2010.

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Western Sahara activists target Australia

Most of the phosphate used on Australian farms is actually from one of the world's poorest and most inhospitable regions, Western Sahara. Illegally annexed by neighbouring Morocco in 1975, Western Sahara is sometimes referred to as Africa's East Timor. Now Western Saharan activists are targeting Australia's reliance on their homeland's richest natural resource.