

# FOURTH ANNUAL AIJA TRIBUNALS CONFERENCE

Friday 8 June 2001

*Millennium Hotel Sydney,  
Cnr Darlinghurst & Kings Cross Roads (at the top of William  
Street), Sydney*

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## ***TRIBUNALS - THEY NEED TO BE DIFFERENT***

The AIJA is pleased to present the fourth of its annual conferences. The theme "Tribunals- they Need to be Different" is set by the keynote address. Whilst tribunals, as adjudicative bodies, adopt many of the practices and procedures of courts, tribunals are established to ensure, as far as is possible, that matters before them are dealt with quickly, efficiently and at minimum cost to the parties. Whilst the courts provide guidance for tribunals in the adjudicative process, there is a need to constantly analyse tribunal practices and procedures and to modify them to meet the particular needs and objectives of tribunals.

### **BACKGROUND**

Since the third AIJA Tribunals Conference, the AIJA Council has formalized the Institute's Tribunals Committee, which consists of:

The Hon Justice Murray Kellam, President, Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal (Convenor);  
Mr Keith Chapman, President, Guardianship and Administration Board, Western Australia  
Ms Anne Coghlan, Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal;  
Mr Barry Cotterell, Office of Fair Trading, Queensland;  
Mr Stephen Forbes, Fair Trading and Residential Tribunals, New South Wales;  
Mr Peter Molony, Fair Trading Tribunal, New South Wales;  
Mr Paul Skinner, Principal Tenancy Adjudicator, Department for Courts, New Zealand;  
Ms Helen Wood, Magistrate and Chair Anti-Discrimination Tribunal, Tasmania.

The Committee has been consulted in relation to the fourth AIJA Tribunals Conference and thanks are due to its members for their guidance and thought in respect of the programme and the conference generally.

### **PROGRAMME**

8.30 am **REGISTRATION**

9.00 am **WELCOME AND OPENING**

The Hon. Justice Murray Kellam, President of the Australian Institute of Judicial Administration and President of the Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal.

9.05 am **SESSION ONE - KEYNOTE ADDRESS**

**Chair:** Mr Keith Chapman, President, Guardianship and Administration Board, Western Australia.

***"TRIBUNALS - THEY NEED TO BE DIFFERENT"***.

**Presenter:** [Mr Nick O'Neill](#), [PPT](#) President, Guardianship Tribunal, New South Wales.

**Commentator:** [Mrs Anne Coghlan](#), Deputy President, Anti-Discrimination List, Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal.

Discussion

10.30 am ***Morning Tea***

11.00 am **SESSION TWO**

**Chair:** Ms Anne Wallace, Deputy Executive Director, Australian Institute of Judicial Administration.

***"PRINCIPLES OF CONDUCT FOR MEMBERS OF MERIT REVIEW TRIBUNALS"***

**Presenter:** [Mr Matt Minogue](#), PPT, Executive Officer, Administrative Review Council, Canberra.

**Commentator:** The Hon Justice Murray Kellam.

**OR**

**WORKSHOPS FOR MEMBERS OF TRIBUNALS ENGAGED IN NON-MERITS REVIEW.**

**Convenors:** Professor Greg Reinhardt, Executive Director, Australian Institute of Judicial Administration and Mr Paul Skinner, Principal Tenancy Adjudicator, Department for Courts, New Zealand.

12.15 pm **SESSION THREE**

**Chair:** Ms Helen Wood, Chairperson, Anti-Discrimination Tribunal, Tasmania.

***COMMUNICATION CHALLENGES FOR TRIBUNALS: A PERFORMANCE CHECKLIST***

**Presenter:** Ms Julie McCrossin, ABC Radio National, former Training and Information Officer, New South Wales Guardianship Board.

1.00 pm ***Lunch***

2.00 pm **SESSION FOUR**

**Chair:** Mr Peter Molony, Senior Member, Fair Trading Tribunal, New South Wales.

***LITIGANTS IN PERSON PLANS***

**Presenter:** [Ms Giulia Inga](#) PPT, Principal Courts Administrator, Compensation Court and Dust Diseases Tribunal, New South Wales.

Following Ms Inga's presentation there will be workshops to discuss the implementation of a Litigants in Person Plan.

3.15 pm ***Afternoon Tea***

3.45 pm **SESSION FIVE**

**Chair:** Mr Barry Cotterell, Project Director, Office of Fair Trading and Chairperson, Retirement Village Tribunal, Queensland.

***"DISQUALIFICATION ON THE GROUNDS OF BIAS - SOME CURRENT DEVELOPMENTS"***

**Presenter:** [Professor Greg Reinhardt](#).

4.15 pm **SESSION SIX**

**Chair:** Ms Anne Wallace.

***EXAMINATION OF THE APPLICATION OF THE RULES OF EVIDENCE IN PROCEEDINGS IN QUASI-JUDICIAL TRIBUNALS***

**Presenters:** [Mr John Blackwood](#), Senior Lecturer in Law, The University of Tasmania and President, Guardianship and Administration Board, Tasmania and Ms Terese Henning, Senior Lecturer in Law, The University of Tasmania.

4.45 pm ***Coffee/Tea Break***

5.00 pm **SESSION SEVEN**

**Chair:** Mr Stephen Forbes, Fair Trading and Residential Tribunals, New South Wales.

***RETHINKING TRIBUNALS JUSTICE: WORKING WITH THE COMMUNITY***

**Presenter:** Mr [Ong Chin Heng](#), PPT, Referee, Small Claims Tribunals, Subordinate Courts, Singapore.

5.30 pm **CLOSE**