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# 8th ANNUAL AIJA TRIBUNALS CONFERENCE

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## The Rise and Rise of Tribunals

### PROGRAMME

#### THURSDAY 9 JUNE

12.00 noon Registration.

1.30 pm **WELCOME AND OPENING** - Sydney Room and Melbourne Suite (Australia Ballroom)  
*The Hon Justice John Byrne, Supreme Court of Queensland, President, AIJA*

#### 1.40 pm SESSION ONE

*Chair: Mrs Anne Coghlan, Deputy President – General, Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal*

##### **The Emergence of the Generalist Administrative Tribunal in Australia and New Zealand: Factors, Approaches and Prospects of Success**

*Presenter: The Hon Justice Michael [Barker](#), President, State Administrative Tribunal, Western Australia*

Justice Barker will address the development of Generalist Tribunals and the policies underlying that development. He will consider the recent recommendations made by the New Zealand Law Commission in relation to such tribunals

##### **State Administrative Tribunal: Model Non-Adversarial Tribunal or Split Personalities?**

*Presenter: Mr Peter [Johnston](#), Honorary Senior Fellow, Faculty of Law, The University of Western Australia*

*Commentator: Mr Gary [Byron](#), Deputy President, Workers Compensation Commission NSW*

3.10 pm Afternoon Tea

#### 3.45 pm SESSION TWO

*Chair: Ms Anne Wallace, Deputy Executive Director, AIJA*

##### **Facilitating the Resolution of Disputes before Tribunals**

*Presenter: Professor Tania [Sourdin](#) [PPT](#), La Trobe University, Member, National Alternative Dispute Resolution Advisory Council, Part-time member Administrative Appeals Tribunal*

*Commentator: Dr Greg [Lyons](#), Senior Member and Mediator, Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal*

#### 4.30 pm SESSION THREE

##### **COAT Benchbook for Tribunals**

*Presenters: The Hon Justice Garry Downes AM, President, Administrative Appeals Tribunal and President, Council of Australasian Tribunals*

*Mr John Lesser, President, Mental Health Review Board, Victoria and Committee Convenor, Victorian Chapter of COAT*

5.00 pm Close

#### 7.00 for CONFERENCE DINNER – SYDNEY ROOM

7.30 pm *Speaker: Mr Paul Brunton, Senior Curator, Mitchell Library, State Library of New South Wales*

## FRIDAY 10 JUNE

### 8.30 am ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of COAT has been scheduled to take place during the conference and is open to all heads of tribunals. A notice of meeting will be sent to members

### 9.30 am SESSION FOUR

*Chair: His Hon Judge Kevin O'Connor AM, President, Administrative Decisions Tribunal, New South Wales*

#### **Practical Application of Investigative Methodology in Tribunals**

*Presenter: Professor Robin Creyke, Director of Teaching & Learning, Faculty of Law, Australian National University*

10.30 am Morning Tea

### 11.00 am SESSION FIVE

Current Issues and Problems in the Determination of:

1. **Discrimination Claims-** *Commissioner Jamie Gardiner, Equal Opportunity Commission, Victoria;*
2. **Guardianship and Administration Matters-** *Ms Diane Robinson, President, Guardianship Tribunal, NSW;*
3. **Planning Matters-** *The Hon Justice Stuart Morris, President, VCAT; and*
4. **Tenancy and consumer disputes-** *Ms Trish McConnell, Principal Member, Tenancy Tribunal, New Zealand*

The session will be streamed and is designed to permit maximum discussion and participation

12.45 pm Lunch

### 1.45 pm SESSION SIX

*Chair: Ms Trish McConnell, Principal Member, Tenancy Tribunal, New Zealand*

#### **Some Recent Judicial Developments of Interest to the Work of Tribunals**

*Presenter: Professor Greg [Reinhardt PPT](#), Executive Director, AIJA*

### 2.30 pm SESSION SEVEN

*Chair: Mr Doug Humphreys, Registrar, Administrative Appeals Tribunal*

#### **The Value of Civil Claims – How Should Resources be Allocated?**

*Presenter: The Hon Justice Peter [McClellan](#), Chief Judge, Land & Environment Court, New South Wales*

Justice McClellan's presentation will focus on the experience of the Land & Environment Court in receiving expert evidence

#### **The Use of Expertise by Non-legal Members of Tribunals – an Update**

*Presenter: Professor Greg [Reinhardt PPT](#), Executive Director, AIJA*

3.30 pm Afternoon Tea

### 4.00 pm SESSION EIGHT

*Chair: Ms Helen Wood, Magistrate, Anti Discrimination Tribunal, Tasmania*

#### **Issues of Access and Equity in Tribunals**

*Presenters: Mr Russell [Matthews PPT](#), Director, NSW & ACT, Social Security Appeals Tribunal*

*Mr Les [Blacklow](#), Executive Director, Social Security Appeals Tribunal*

4.45 pm Close

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