

2 October 2009, Sydney

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We invite you to register for this one day event that will discuss developments in the legislative protection of human rights in Australia. The conference will consider the National Human Rights Consultation, and provide an update of developments in the Victorian Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities, the ACT Human Rights Act and in NSW human rights law. Leading Australian and international speakers will consider the National Consultation process, and what reforms it might lead to in Australia. The conference will also address the constitutional dialogue model that is a feature of the human rights statutes in many countries of the British Commonwealth. Finally, the conference will consider some crucial further challenges in relation to human rights protection, including: the rights of Indigenous peoples; the protection of economic, social and cultural rights; and human rights for people with a disability. The day is aimed at both a legal and non-legal audience.

We hope to see you in Sydney on the 2nd of October 2009.

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program

8.30	Registration
9:00	Conference welcome
9:10	Opening address: <i>Lessons from the National Human Rights Consultation</i> Mary Kostakidis, Consultation Committee member
9:40	Perspectives on the National Human Rights Consultation <i>A judicial perspective</i> The Hon Keith Mason AC, Visiting Professorial Fellow, University of New South Wales <i>An academic perspective</i> Associate Professor Andrea Durbach, University of New South Wales <i>An NGO perspective</i> Phil Lynch, Human Rights Law Resource Centre
10.30	Morning tea
11:00	Human rights protection in Australia <i>Victorian Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities</i> Associate Professor Kristen Walker, Melbourne Law School <i>ACT Human Rights Act</i> Professor Hilary Charlesworth and Renuka Thilagaratnam, Australian National University <i>Human rights developments in NSW</i> Professor Andrew Byrnes, University of New South Wales
12.30	Lunch
1.30	The Commonwealth Bill of Rights model and Australian democracy <i>The new Commonwealth Bill of Rights model in Australia</i> Professor Stephen A Gardbaum, University of California, Los Angeles Responses The Hon Catherine Branson QC, President, Australian Human Rights Commission Associate Professor Simon Evans, Melbourne Law School
3:00	Afternoon tea
3.30	Further challenges <i>A federal Human Rights Act and the rights of Indigenous Peoples</i> Professor Larissa Behrendt, Jumbunna Indigenous House of Learning (UTS) <i>Legislating to protect economic, social and cultural rights</i> Dr John Tobin, Melbourne Law School <i>Human rights for people with a disability</i> Rosemary Kayess, Disability Studies and Research Centre
5:00	Conference close

REGISTRATION DETAILS

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Registration Fee is \$190

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Registration closes 30 September 2009.

No refunds can be issued for cancellations after 14 September 2009.

MCLE for NSW legal practitioners:

If this conference is relevant to your immediate or long-term needs in relation to your professional development and practice of the law, you can claim one MCLE "unit" for each hour of attendance, refreshment breaks not included.