

# Human Rights Law & Policy 2008

16<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> June • Marriott Hotel Melbourne

## DAY ONE-16<sup>th</sup> June 2008

- 08:00 Registration
- 08:30 **Opening remarks from the Chair**  
Linda Rubinstein, Director, Pro Bono, Holding Redlich Lawyers
- 08:40 **Addressing human rights concerns and fostering greater understanding and protection of these rights in Australia**  
Graeme Innes AM, Human Rights Commissioner and Commissioner Responsible for Disability Discrimination, Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission
- 09:20 **The Victorian Charter: fostering administrative and judicial review in human rights**  
Fiona Smith, Chairperson, Victorian Equal Opportunity and Human Rights Commission
- 10:00 Morning Tea
- 10:20 **Human rights: core business for police**  
Luke Cornelius, Assistant Commissioner, Ethical Standards Department, Victoria Police
- 11:00 **The boundaries between individual rights and legislation**  
Simon Evans, Associate Professor, Deputy Dean, Faculty of Law, Melbourne Law School
- 11:40 **Addressing discrimination in the workplace**  
Stepan Kerkyasharian AM, President, The Anti-Discrimination Board of NSW
- 12:20 Networking Lunch
- 13:20 **Evidence and proof in anti-discrimination law cases**  
Simon Rice OAM, Director of Law Reform and Social Justice, ANU College of Law
- 14:00 **Human rights and equal opportunity? The practice of 457**  
Michelle Bissett, Industrial Officer, Australian Council of Trade Unions
- 14:40 **The Apology, Indigenous Rights and Constitutional Reform**  
Megan Davis, Director, Indigenous Law Centre
- 15:20 Afternoon Tea
- 15:40 **Government obligations of conduct towards Aboriginal primary health care**  
Dr. Sophie Couzos, Public Health Officer, National Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation & Dea Thiele, Chief Executive Officer, NACCHO
- 16:20 **Indigenous Rights: An interactive discussion with speakers & audience**  
Discussion Led by: Michael Jackson Q.C., Director, Lawyers Rights Watch Canada
- 17:00 Close of Day One
- 17:20 Networking Drinks

## DAY TWO-17<sup>th</sup> June 2008

- 08:50 **Opening remarks from the Chair**  
Linda Rubinstein, Director, Pro Bono, Holding Redlich Lawyers
- 09:00 **Current conflicts and future directions: a human rights charter for Australia? When and how?**  
Susan Ryan AO, Chair, Australian Human Rights Act Campaign
- 09:40 **The struggle for global justice**  
Justice Geoffrey Robertson QC, Doughty Street Chambers, London, UK
- 10:30 Morning Tea
- 10:50 **The role of human rights charters in addressing disadvantage and empowering the poor**  
Phil Lynch, Director, Human Rights Law Resource Centre
- 11:30 **Tell me I'm here**  
Anne Deveson AO, Patron, SANE Australia and Author *Tell Me I'm Here*
- 12:10 **An absence of human rights: children in immigration detention**  
Dr Sev Ozdowski OAM, Human Rights Commissioner (2000-05), Director, Equity & Diversity, University of Western Sydney
- 12:50 Networking Lunch
- 13:50 **Risking rights, freedoms and independence: advocating the advocates**  
Michael Jackson Q.C., Director, Lawyers Rights Watch Canada
- 14:40 **Guilt by association: the death of common sense in law enforcement**  
Stephen Keim SC, Barrister-at-Law, Higgins Chambers, Brisbane
- 15:20 **Racial profiling, the 'War on Terror' and the role of new technologies**  
Dr. Joseph Pugliese, Associate Professor, Department of Critical and Cultural Studies, Macquarie University
- 16:00 Afternoon Tea
- 16:20 **The loss of compassion and the case of Hassan**  
Peter Henley, Senior Associate, Mallesons Stephen Jacques; Coordinator, Melbourne Human Rights Law Group
- 17:00 **Economic, cultural and social rights: Amnesty International Australia's Dignity Campaign and what it means for law and policy**  
Dr Russell Solomon, Victorian Vice-President, Amnesty International Australia & Sarah Marland, Campaign Coordinator, Amnesty International Australia
- 17:40 Closing Remarks