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REGIONAL DRAFTING CONFERENCE

BEAUMONDE ON THE POINT
PERTH, WESTERN AUSTRALIA

26-28 FEBRUARY 2025



Conference program

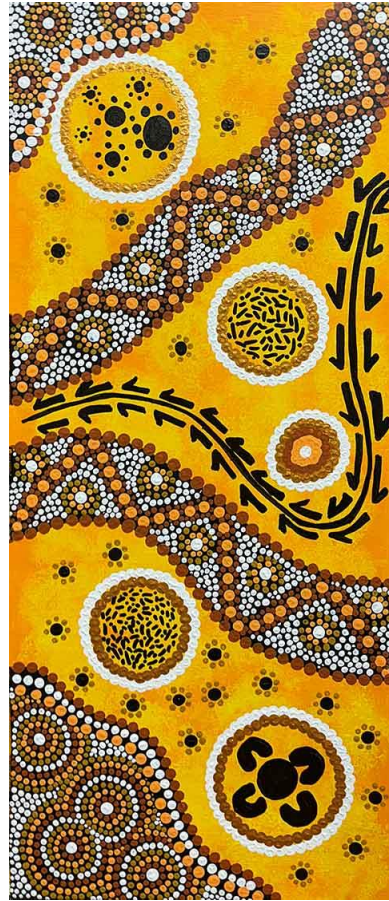
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Australasian
Parliamentary Counsel's Committee



The Parliamentary Counsel's Office acknowledges the traditional custodians throughout Western Australia and their continuing connection to the land, waters and community. We pay our respects to all members of the Aboriginal communities and their cultures; and to Elders both past and present.



Dreamtime. Artwork by a female Noongar artist in the care of the Department of Justice.

Day 1 - Wednesday, 26 February 2025

Time	Session	Presenter	Topic
10:00 - 11:00 am	REGISTRATION (tea and coffee available)		
11:00 am - 12 noon	Welcome to country, including smoking ceremony		
12 noon - 12:15 pm	Welcome from APCC and CALC	Annette O'Callaghan (APCC) and Andy Beattie (CALC)	
12:15 - 12:30 pm	Conference opening (Introduction: Geoff Lawn)	Hon John Quigley JP MLA, Attorney General of Western Australia	
12:30 - 1:00 pm	Session 1 (Chair: Tony Keyes)	Eamonn Moran	Recent statutory interpretation cases.
1:00 - 1:45 pm	Lunch (45 minutes)		
1:45 - 2:15 pm	Session 2 (Chair: Geoff Lawn)	Cassie Nicholson (recording)	George Tanner Memorial Address: The role of the purposive interpretation rule in the <i>Legislation Act 2019</i> (NZ) section 10.
2:15 - 2:45 pm	Session 3 (Chair: Andy Beattie)	SEOW Zhixiang	The law and practice of urgent Bills in Singapore.
2:45 - 3:30 pm	Session 4 (Chair: same)	Dom Fernandes (panel)	What instructors want from drafters.
3:30 - 4:00 pm	Afternoon tea (30 mins)		

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4:00 - 4:30 pm	Session 5 (Chair: Andrew Jones)	Eleanor Furniss/Polly Walton	Reflections on working on secondment outside a drafting office.
4:30 - 5:00 pm	Session 6 (Chair: same)	John King	Making those fine judgements—developing drafting values.
6:30 - 8:30 pm	WELCOME RECEPTION - Government House		

Day 2 - Thursday, 27 February 2025

Time	Session	Presenter	Topic			
8:00 - 8:30 am	Pre-session tea and coffee					
8:30 - 9:00 am	Session 7 (Chair: Alexa Reid)	Archie Zariski (a separate paper by John Mark Keyes will also be made available)	Legislative Cousins: Drafting Styles and Conventions in Australia, Canada, and New Zealand.			
9:00 - 9:30 am	Session 8 (Chair: Elizabeth Larbalestier)	Dr Naseem Ameer Ali	The Wider Impact of Modern Legislative Drafting Style – An Orange Swan?			
9:30 - 10:15 am	Session 9 (Chair: same)	Kizito Pheleni	Balancing power: the link between Opposition strength and Bill quality.			
10:15 - 10:30 am	Conference photo (15 minutes)					
10:30 - 11:00 am	Morning tea (30 minutes)					
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Time	Session	Presenter	Topic	Session	Presenter	Topic
11:00 - 11:30 am	Session 10 (Chair: Jess Chanin)	Roy Lee	Crafting by Prompt – Using AI to Review and Supplement Instructions or Legislation.	Session 10A (Chair: Caroline MacBeath)	Adrian Kelly	Interacting with the law: Delivering digital algorithms using “Rules as Code”.
11:30 - 12 noon	Session 11 (Chair: same)	Manfred Kohler	How to ensure regulatory completeness, with classic tools and Large Language Models?	Session 11A (Chair: same)	Nikos Koutras	The European AI Act: Lessons to be drawn.

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12 noon - 12:30 pm	Session 12 (Chair: Penny Alexander)	Michael Kirby	Financial initiative of the Crown.	Session 12A (Chair: Meredith Leigh)	Michael Fairweather	Legislative Quality Assurance by Computer Simulation.
12:30 - 1:00 pm	Session 13	Vacant	Vacant	Session 13A (Chair: same)	Matthew Waddington (recording) Michael Fairweather	Update on Computer-readable Legislation Project.
1:00 - 1:45 pm	Lunch (45 mins)					
Time	Session	Presenter	Topic			
1:45 - 2:30 pm	Session 14 (Chair: SEOW Zhixiang)	Jess Braithwaite/Ben Fraser	The Errors Tour: making, correcting and learning from drafting errors.			
2:30 - 3:00 pm	Session 15 (Chair: same)	Stephfanie Winoto/Riyani Shelawati	Public participation in the legislative process: a perspective from Indonesia. (recording)			
3:00 - 3:30 pm	Session 16 (Chair: Marleen Akop)	Andrew Fernbach	Drafting a new Compulsory Examination power for a Commonwealth Regulator – key learnings and pitfalls to avoid from the AML/CTF Bill 2024.			
3:30 - 4:00 pm	Afternoon tea (30 mins)					
4:00 - 5:00 pm	Session 17 (Chair: Emily O'Leary)	Panel of drafters from Belize, Canada, Papua New Guinea and New Zealand	Role of the legislative drafter: policy officer, legal counsel, Parliamentary advisor, keeper of the statute book and statutory interpreter.			
7:00 - 10.30 pm	CONFERENCE DINNER: Beaumonde on the Point					

Day 3 - Friday, 28 February 2025

Time	Session	Presenter	Topic
8:00 - 8:30 am	Pre-session tea and coffee		
8:30 - 9:00 am	Session 18 (Chair: Kate Woodward)	Theresa Johnson	A drafter's contribution to the integrity landscape.
9:00 - 9:30 am	Session 19 (Chair: same)	Roy Lee	Plumber or Architect? Training Drafters for the 21 st Century.
9:30 - 10:00 am	Session 20 (Chair: Florence Tagini)	Patrick Orr	Issues related to the regulation of Aluminium Composite Panel cladding and specifically the lessons learned from the regulatory failures detailed in the second Grenfell report.
10:00 - 10:30 am	Morning tea (30 mins)		
10:30 - 11:30 am	Session 21 (Chair: Karina Dearden)	Anna Ross/Hugo Bassa	Managing the drafting of subordinate legislation with a dispersed cadre of drafters – the UK SI Hub experience.
11:30 am - 12:45 pm	Session 22 (Chair: Annette O'Callaghan)	Meredith Leigh and panel	Drafting office management issues.
12:45 - 1:00 pm	Conference closing remarks	Geoff Lawn	
1:00 pm	Lunch (45 mins)		

(As at 19/2/25)