



AUSTRALIA–NEW ZEALAND SCRUTINY OF LEGISLATION CONFERENCE

3-5 DECEMBER 2024
PARLIAMENT HOUSE, MELBOURNE VICTORIA

DRAFT PROGRAM

3 December 2024

5:30 –7:30 pm

Welcome Reception at Parliament House
Registration / Cocktail party

Queen’s Hall

4 December 2024

8:00 am

Registration open

Queen’s Hall

9:00 am

Conference Welcome
Welcome to Country

Legislative Assembly Chamber

9:15 am

**Opening comments and welcome – Gary
Maas MP, Chair**

Legislative Assembly Chamber

9:30–9:50 am

**Session – Keynote Address –
The Honourable Jaclyn Symes MP,
Attorney-General of Victoria**

Legislative Assembly Chamber
(overflow in Legislative Council Chamber)

9:50–10:15 am

Morning tea

Queen’s Hall

SESSION 1 – COVID-19 Emergency legislation — What should be scrutinised?

10:15–10:50 am

**‘To scrutinise or not to scrutinise? A critical
assessment of the scope of delegated
legislative scrutiny jurisdictions’**
Professor Gabrielle Appleby
Law and Justice, University of NSW

Parliament House

10:50–11:45 am

**‘Parliamentary scrutiny of COVID-19
legislation’**

Parliament House

Hon David Parker MP, Chairperson,
Regulations Review Committee (NZ)

**‘Reigning in Hell: Legislation in an
Emergency’**

Ryan Hamilton MP, Deputy Chairperson,
Regulations Review Committee (NZ)

11:45 am–12:30 pm

**General Panel discussion:
‘How do Scrutiny Committees interact with
Government and how should they
respond?’**

Parliament House

12:30–1:15 pm

Lunch

Queen’s Hall

4 December 2024 (continued)

SESSIONS 2A, 2B and 2C – Alternate sessions – Scrutiny of legislation – Emerging trends – Artificial intelligence – Other matters

SESSION 2A

1:15–1:50 pm	‘Reconceptualising the role and purpose of scrutiny committees: who do they work for and what does success look like?’ Dr Sarah Moulds, Associate Professor in Law, Justice & Society, UniSA	Parliament House
1:50–2:25 pm	‘Exploring the Legislative Scrutiny Potential of Artificial Intelligence: A Case Study with OpenJustice and Delegated Legislation’ Professor Lorne Neudorf, La Trobe University, and Associate Professor Sam Dahan, Queens University, Canada	Parliament House
2:25–3:00 pm	General Panel discussion	
3:00–3:15 pm	Afternoon tea	Queen’s Hall

SESSION 2B

3:15–3:30 pm	‘A potential game changer for Legislative Scrutiny Committees: Artificial Intelligence’ Matt Balfour, Secretary, Legislative Review Committee (SA)	Parliament House
3:30–3:50 pm	‘Disorganized Developments and Legislative Scrutiny’ Associate Professor Dr Laura Grenfell and Dr Anna Olijnyk, Law School, University of Adelaide	
3:50–4:30 pm	General panel discussion: ‘What form of legislative scrutiny is most effective in securing rights protection? How are Committees staffed?’	

SESSION 2C – What Parliament didn’t say and new ground

3:15–3:45 pm	‘What Parliament Didn’t Say: The Impact of Silence in Legislative Scrutiny on Statutory Interpretation’ Assistant Professor Jacinta Dharmananda Law School, University of Western Australia	
3:45–4:15 pm	‘Breaking new ground – expanding the scrutiny function of the New South Wales Legislative Council’s Regulation Committee’ Hon. Natasha Maclaren-Jones MLC, Chair, Regulation Committee (NSW)	Parliament House
4:15–4:30 pm	General discussion	
4:30 pm	End	

4 December 2024 – Conference Dinner

6:30 pm	Conference dinner State Library of Victoria
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5 December 2024

8:00 am	Tour of Parliament House (Optional)	Meeting point
SESSION 3 – Traditional scrutiny of legislation and other subject matter		
9:00–9:40 am	‘Commonwealth Parliamentary Scrutiny of Henry VIII Powers’ Associate Professor Andrew Edgar, Law School, University of Sydney	Parliament House
9:40–10:15 am	‘Explanatory Memorandums for proposed legislation in Australia: Are they fulfilling their purpose?’ Alex Hickman, Legal Advisory Officer, Legislative Council Committee Office of Western Australia	Parliament House
10:15–10:30 am	General discussion	
10:30–10:45 am	Morning tea	Queen’s Hall
SESSION 4 – Other Directions – Animal Rights		
10:30–11:10 am	‘Animal rights Scrutiny’ Professor Jeremy Gans, University of Melbourne	Parliament House
11:10–11:50 am	‘When is the job of the parliamentarian done? Towards a life-cycle model of legislative scrutiny in Australia through post-legislative scrutiny’ Sam Hastings, Clerk of the Legislative Council & Clerk of the Parliaments, Parliament of Western Australia	Parliament House
11:50 am–12:30 pm	General discussion	
12:30–1:30 pm	Lunch	Queen’s Hall
SESSION 5 – Final		
1:30–1:50 pm	‘Is Parliament only giving cursory attention to the respect of human rights? Scrutiny is a pre-cursor to democracy but are people listening?’ Lynda Voltz MP, Chair, Legislation Review Committee (NSW)	Parliament House
1:50–2:30 pm	Conference round up	Parliament House
2:30–3:15 pm	Conference motions and formal conference close	
3:15–3:45 pm	Afternoon Tea	