



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

Parliament House

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

#### SESSION 2B

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

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

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

## 4 December 2024 – Conference Dinner

6:30 pm	<b>Conference dinner</b> State Library of Victoria
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## 5 December 2024

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