



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
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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
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	Legislative Assembly Chamber
10:50–11:45 am	‘Parliamentary scrutiny of COVID-19 legislation’ Hon David Parker MP, Chairperson, Regulations Review Committee (NZ), and Constance Mailer, Legislative Counsel ‘Reigning in Hell: Legislation in an Emergency’ Ryan Hamilton MP, Deputy Chairperson, Regulations Review Committee (NZ)	Legislative Assembly Chamber
11:45 am–12:30 pm	General Panel discussion: ‘How do Scrutiny Committees interact with Government and how should they respond?’	Legislative Assembly Chamber
12:30–1:15 pm	Lunch	Queen’s Hall

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SESSION 2

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	Legislative Assembly Chamber
1:50–2:25 pm	Exploring the Legislative Scrutiny Potential of Artificial Intelligence: A Cross-Platform Study Professor Lorne Neudorf, La Trobe University, and Associate Professor Sam Dahan, Queens University, Canada	Legislative Assembly Chamber
2:25–3:00 pm	General Panel discussion	Legislative Assembly Chamber
3:00–3:15 pm	Afternoon tea	Queen’s Hall

SESSIONS 3A and 3B – Alternate sessions – Scrutiny of legislation – Emerging trends – Artificial intelligence – Other matters

SESSION 3A

3:15–3:45 pm	‘A potential game changer for Legislative Scrutiny Committees: Artificial Intelligence’ Matt Balfour, Secretary, Legislative Review Committee (SA)	Legislative Assembly Chamber
3:45–4:30 pm	General panel discussion: ‘What form of legislative scrutiny is most effective in securing rights protection? How are Committees staffed?’	Legislative Assembly Chamber

SESSION 3B – 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’ Dr Jacinta Dharmananda, Senior Lecturer Law School, University of Western Australia	Legislative Council Chamber
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)	Legislative Council Chamber
4:15–4:30 pm	General discussion – Stephen Argument	Legislative Council Chamber
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 4– 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	Legislative Assembly Chamber
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	Legislative Assembly Chamber
10:15–10:30 am	General discussion	Legislative Assembly Chamber
10:30–10:45 am	Morning tea	Queen’s Hall
SESSION 5 – Other Directions – Animal Rights		
10:30–11:10 am	‘Animal rights Scrutiny’ Professor Jeremy Gans, University of Melbourne	Legislative Assembly Chamber
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	Legislative Assembly Chamber
11:50 am–12:30 pm	General discussion	Legislative Assembly Chamber
12:30–1:30 pm	Lunch	Queen’s Hall
SESSION 6 – 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)	Legislative Assembly Chamber
1:50–2:30 pm	Conference round up	Legislative Assembly Chamber
2:30–3:15 pm	Conference motions and formal conference close	Legislative Assembly Chamber
3:15–3:45 pm	Afternoon Tea	Queen’s Hall