









# The Tribunal of Tomorrow

7-8 June 2012



























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### **CONFERENCE DAY 1: Thursday 7 June 2012**

12:00 noon	REGISTRATION Registration & arrival tea/coffee and refreshments
1:30pm	WELCOME AND OPENING
	Justice Iain Ross AO, President, Fair Work Australia and Chair of COAT The Honourable Nicola Roxon MP, Attorney-General, TBC
1:45pm	KEYNOTE ADDRESS
	'SOCIAL MEDIA – FAD OR FUNDAMENTAL CHANGE IN PUBLIC COMMUNICATION AND ENGAGEMENT?'
	Jim Macnamara, Professor of Public Communication, University of Technology, Sydney
2:30pm	Afternoon tea  Experiment with Facebook, Twitter etc. in the Conference technology room
3:00pm	SHOULD TRIBUNALS 'GO SOCIAL'?
	Chair: <b>Anne Britton</b> , Senior Member, Administrative Appeals Tribunal
	Mia Garlick, Manager, Communications and Policy, Facebook Australia
	<b>Tom Burton,</b> media.comms, Australian Communications and Media Authority, former Sydney Morning Herald Executive Editor
	Kay Ransome, Chairperson, Consumer, Trader and Tenancy Tribunal, NSW
5:00pm	Close
7:00pm for 7.30pm	Conference dinner





## CONFERENCE DAY 2: Friday 8 June 2012

8:30am	COAT ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING				
9:15am	SOCIAL MEDIA IN TRIBUNAL PROCEEDINGS: EVIDENTIARY AND CASE MANAGEMENT CHALLENGES				
	Chair: Justice John Chaney, President State Administrative Tribunal, WA Robert Bromwich, SC, 12th Floor Selborne/Wentworth Chambers, Sydney Michael Legg, Associate Professor, Faculty of Law, UNSW				
10:30am	Morning tea				
11:00 am	HOW TABLET AND OTHER TECHNOLOGIES CAN BE USED IN HEARINGS  Chair: Belinda Cassidy, Principal Claims Assessor, Motor Accidents Claims Assessment and Resolution Service Motor Accidents Authority, NSW Speaker: Vivienne Farrell, Faculty of Information & Communication Technologies, Swinburne University An interactive session providing an opportunity to experiment with Apple® ipad and other technology. Participant numbers strictly limited	MANAGEMENT OF VOLUMINOUS AND COMPLEX CASES  Chair: Trish McConnell, Chair, Weathertight Homes Tribunal, NZ Panel: Catherine Aird, Deputy President VCAT, Robin Handley, Deputy President AAT and Richard Oliver, Senior Member QCAT	IMPACT OF AUSTRALIA'S DECISION TO RATIFY THE UN CONVENTION ON THE RIGHTS OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES ON THE LEGISLATION GOVERNING, AND THE PRACTICE OF, GUARDIANSHIP AND MENTAL HEALTH TRIBUNALS IN AUSTRALIA  Chair: Debra Rigby, President, Mental Health Tribunal, Tasmania Panel: Barry Thomas, President, Mental Health Review Tribunal, Qld, Malcolm Schyvens, President, Guardianship Tribunal, NSW Anita Smith, Chair, Guardianship and Administration Board of Tasmania		
12:30pm	Lunch				
1:15pm	HOW TABLET AND OTHER TECHNOLOGIES CAN BE USED IN HEARINGS  The session described above will be repeated to enable a second group of participants to hear Vivienne Farrell and experiment with Apple® ipad and other technology.	THE AUSTRALIAN CONSUMER LAW AND ITS APPLICATION BY TRIBUNALS Chair: Linda Crebbin, General President, ACT Civil and Administrative Tribunal Nick Seddon, Special Counsel, Ashurst Christine Paull, Senior Member, CTIT, NSW	CURRENT DEVELOPMENTS IN THE LAW AFFECTING TRIBUNALS  Chair: Anne Coghlan, Deputy President, VCAT Speaker: Robin Creyke, Senior Member, AAT and on leave, Australian National University		
2:30pm	Afternoon tea				
2:45pm	USING TECHNOLOGY TO IMPROVE ACCESS TO JUSTICE  Chair: Philip Kellow, Registrar, Administrative Appeals Tribunal Mark Hanson, Principal, ICE Design, consultants in integrated court technology and room design in Australia and overseas Anne Wallace, Associate Dean (Education), School of Law, University of Canberra, Co-author of "Gateways to Justice" report on the use of videoconferencing in Australian courts and tribunals Jo Sherman, Consultant, specialising in technology upgrades in Australian courts and tribunals				
4:20 pm	Close – Greg Reinhardt, Executive Director, AIJA				











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