



New South Wales

**PARLIAMENTARY COUNSEL'S OFFICE**

**4<sup>th</sup> Australasian Drafting Conference—Program**

**Wednesday 3 August 2005**

<i>Time</i>	<i>Topic</i>	<i>Venue</i>
1.30pm	<b>Welcome to Country and Conference Opening.</b> Welcome to conference by Don Colagiuri, NSW Parliamentary Counsel. Welcome to Country by Mr Madden of the Metropolitan Local Aboriginal Land Council. Opening of conference by the Hon Meredith Burgmann MLC, President of the Legislative Council.	Legislative Council Chamber
2.00pm	<b>Session 1: The view from the other side—the judiciary.</b> Our constant critics and consumers—judges and legislation. A judge to talk about experiences of legislation. Commentary followed by questions. Speaker: Justice Keith Mason, President Court of Appeal (NSW). Chairperson: Don Colagiuri (PC, NSW).	Legislative Council Chamber
3.30pm	Afternoon tea	Jubilee Room
3.45pm	<b>Session 2: Current developments—Plain language.</b> A commentary on the plain language movement. Comments, followed by questions and comments from the floor. Speaker: Michael Orpwood (former Deputy PC, NSW). Commentator: Ben Piper (Vic). Chairperson: Nigel Hill (NSW).	Legislative Council Chamber
5.00pm	Finish day one.	
Evening	Informal gatherings at various restaurants have been arranged.	

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<i>Time</i>	<i>Topic</i>	<i>Venue</i>
9.30am	<b>Session 3: The view from the other side—instructing officers.</b> An instructing officer's view of drafters and the relationship between drafters and clients. Followed by question session. Speaker: Roger Wilkins, Director-General of The Cabinet Office of NSW. Chairperson: Don Colagiuri (PC, NSW).	Legislative Assembly Chamber
11.00am	Morning tea	Theatrette Foyer
11.30am	<i>Concurrent sessions</i>	
	<b>Session 4: The view from the other side—Parliamentary scrutiny.</b> Our constant critics and consumers—laws regulating the content of statutes or scrutinising statutes, the Parliamentary consumers. The role of legislation review committees and related matters. Followed by commentary and questions. Speakers: Russell Keith (Legislation Review Committee, NSW), Susan McInnes and Elizabeth Moore (Vic), Julie Melville (NZ). Chairperson: Robyn Hodge (NSW).	Jubilee Room
	<b>Session 5: Current developments—Statutory interpretation.</b> Statutory interpretation for drafters and current statutory interpretation issues. Speakers: Eamonn Moran (PC, Vic), Paul Lanspeary (Cth), George Tanner (PC, NZ) and Ross Carter (NZ). Chairperson: Greg Calcutt (PC, WA).	Parliament Theatrette
1.00pm	Lunch	Speaker's Garden
2.00pm	<i>Concurrent sessions</i>	
	<b>Session 6: Current developments—Organisation of drafting offices.</b> Different approaches to the organisation of drafting offices. Speakers: Don Colagiuri (PC, NSW), Silvio Angelucci (Qld). Chairperson: Peter Quiggin (PC, Cth).	Jubilee Room
	<b>Session 7: Current developments—plain language and other drafting techniques.</b> New developments in plain language drafting and other drafting techniques. Speakers: Meredith Leigh (Cth), Nick Horn (Cth). Chairperson: Ben Piper (Vic).	Parliament Theatrette
3.30pm	Afternoon tea	Theatrette Foyer

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<i>Time</i>	<i>Topic</i>	<i>Venue</i>
3.45pm	<b>Session 8: Current developments—Constitutional law.</b> Current constitutional law issues. Speaker: Peter Anet (Deputy Crown Solicitor, NSW). Chairperson: Marion Pascoe (Deputy PC, NSW).	Legislative Assembly Chamber
5.00pm	Finish day two.	
7.00 for 7.30pm	Conference Dinner. Dinner speaker: Hilary Penfold (Secretary of Department of Parliamentary Services, Cth. Formerly First Parliamentary Counsel, Cth). Announcement of winners of 2005 Drafting Competition.	Botanic Restaurant, Royal Botanic Gardens. Note—entry to the Gardens at night is restricted. Please refer to the map for the entry point.

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<i>Time</i>	<i>Topic</i>	<i>Venue</i>
9.30am	<i>Concurrent sessions</i>	
	<b>Session 9: Current developments—Drafting of criminal offences.</b> Principles and practices for drafting offences (including the Model Criminal Code and its implementation). Speakers: Don Colagiuri (PC, NSW), Mary Toohey (ACT) Chairperson: John Leahy (PC, ACT)	Parliament Theatre
	<b>Session 10: Current developments—Information technology.</b> Hands on demonstrations and explanations of NSW system and other systems. Short summary of latest IT developments. Presenters: Mark Cowan, Joshua Barr, Daniel Gray (NSW), Christine Swift (SA), Glen Gibbs (Tas).	Jubilee Room
11.00am	Morning tea	Theatre Foyer
11.30am	<i>Concurrent sessions</i>	
	<b>Session 11: Current developments—Uniform Legislation.</b> Current issues and development. Speaker: Marina Farnan (OPC) Commentator: Glen Gibbs (Tas). Chairperson: Eamonn Moran (PC, Vic).	Jubilee Room
	<b>Session 12: The view from the other side—Parliamentary consumers.</b> Parliamentary officers and legislative drafters discussing amendments in committee. Speakers: Lynn Lovelock (Deputy Clerk, Legislative Council NSW), Mark Swinson (Deputy Clerk, Legislative Assembly NSW), Mark Cowan (NSW), Nigel Hill (NSW), Gale Jamieson (PC, NT). Chairperson: Greg Calcutt (PC, WA)	Parliament Theatre
1.00pm	Lunch.	Speaker's Garden
1.15pm	A guided walking tour will be conducted during the lunch break taking in the grounds of Government House and places of interest in the vicinity of Parliament House.	The walk will depart from the Jubilee Room at 1.15pm.
2.30pm	<b>Session 13: The view from the other side—Relationships with instructing departments.</b> Panel discussion—Towards better management of the relationship between drafters and instructing departments and officers. Panellists: Gemma Varley (Vic), Robyn Hodge (NSW), Bill Moore (NZ), John Clifford (ACT). Chairperson: Gale Jamieson (PC, NT).	Legislative Assembly
4.00pm	Conference close.	