

Program

DAY ONE – MONDAY, 6 JULY 2009

12.30 pm

Registration opens

**Main Committee
Room**

1.45 pm

Conference welcome

Senator the Hon Helen Coonan
Chair of the Senate Standing
Committee for the Scrutiny of Bills

Senator Dana Wortley
Chair of the Senate Standing
Committee on Regulations and
Ordinances

Resolutions regarding publication of conference papers and
media attendance

2.00 pm

Opening address

The Hon Robert French
Chief Justice of the High Court of Australia

2.20 pm

Session 1

Chair: Senator Dana Wortley, Chair of the Senate Standing
Committee on Regulations and Ordinances

*Legislative Scrutiny: Are the ANZACS still
the leaders?*

Emeritus Professor Dennis Pearce and Mr Stephen Argument
Authors of *Delegated Legislation in Australia*

3.05 pm

Afternoon tea

3.25 pm

Session 2

Chair: Mrs Jo-Ann Miller MP, Chair of the Scrutiny of Legislation
Committee, Queensland

*Public deliberation on legislation: from Fitzgerald to
Facebook and beyond*

Mrs Julie Copley, Research Director for the Scrutiny of
Legislation Committee, Queensland

4.10 pm

Session 3

Chair: Senator Chris Back, Member of the Senate Standing Committee
on Regulations and Ordinances

*Incorporation by Reference in Canadian Federal Delegated
Legislation: Contention, Concerns and Possible Reform*

Mr Andrew Kania MP, Joint Chairman of the Standing Joint Committee for
the Scrutiny of Regulations, Canada

4.50 pm

End of Day One

**5.00 pm -
6.00 pm**

Welcome Cocktail Reception

Mural Hall

DAY TWO – TUESDAY, 7 JULY 2009

9.00 am

Conference photograph

Marble Foyer

9.45 am

Session 4

Chair: Senator the Hon Judith Troeth, Member of the Senate Standing Committee for the Scrutiny of Bills

The contribution specialist legislative scrutiny committees can make to better governance

Mr Andrew Murray, former Senator and member of the Senate Standing Committee for the Scrutiny of Bills (1996-2008)

10.30 am

Morning tea

10.50 am

Session 5

Chair: Hon Adele Farina MLC, Chair of the Uniform Legislation and Statutes Review Committee, Western Australia

Review of the Legislative Instruments Act 2003

Professor John McMillan, Commonwealth Ombudsman and Member of the Legislative Instruments Act Review Committee

11.35 am

Session 6

Chair: Senator Claire Moore, Member of the Senate Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances

Learning from the past and looking to the future

Mr Charles Chauvel MP, Chair
Mrs Amy Adams MP, Deputy Chair
Mrs Renée Riddell-Garner, Legislative Counsel
Regulations Review Committee, New Zealand

12.30 pm

Lunch

Mural Hall

1.30 pm

Session 7: Panel discussion

Chair: Senator the Hon Helen Coonan, Chair of the Senate Standing Committee for the Scrutiny of Bills

Appropriate delegation of legislative powers in modern circumstances

Adjunct Professor Sue Tongue, Legal Adviser to the Senate Standing Committee for the Scrutiny of Bills

Panellists:

Mr Peter Quiggin PSM, First Parliamentary Counsel, Office of Parliamentary Counsel, Commonwealth

Professor Stephen Bottomley, Legal Adviser to the Senate Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances

Professor John McMillan, Commonwealth Ombudsman

2.30 pm

Session 8

Chair: Hon Ruth Forrest MLC, Chair of the Subordinate Legislation Committee, Tasmania

Accountability Issues in Scrutinising Subsidiary Legislation made under Skeletal Acts

Mr Joe Francis MLA, Chairman of the Joint Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation, Western Australia

3.15 pm

Afternoon tea

3.35 pm

Session 9

Chair: Mrs Vicki Dunne MLA, Chair of the Standing Committee on Justice and Community Safety, Australian Capital Territory

The role of the Legislation Review Digest in the NSW Parliament

Mr Allan Shearan MP, Chairperson of the Legislation Review Committee, New South Wales

4.20 pm

End of Day Two

5.45 pm

Bus to conference dinner – pick up from hotels

**6.30 pm -
10.30 pm**

Conference dinner

**The Boat House by
the Lake**

Guest speaker:
Mr Stephen Gageler SC
Solicitor-General of Australia

10.30 pm

Bus to hotels

DAY THREE – WEDNESDAY, 8 JULY 2009

9.00 am **Tour of Parliament House** **Marble Foyer**
(optional)

9.45 am **Session 10**
Chair: Mr Andrew Kania MP, Joint Chairman of the Standing
Joint Committee for the Scrutiny of Regulations, Canada

The role of Parliament under an Australian Charter of Human Rights
Professor George Williams, Anthony Mason Professor of Law and
Foundation Director of the Gilbert & Tobin Centre of Public Law,
University of New South Wales

10.15 am *Bills of rights and legislative scrutiny: two different worlds*
Mr Harry Evans, Clerk of the Australian Senate

10.45 am **Morning tea**

11.10 am **Session 11**
Chair: Mr Charles Chauvel MP, Chair of the Regulations Review
Committee, New Zealand

Scrutiny and the Charter of Rights and Responsibilities
Mr Carlo Carli MP, Chair of the Scrutiny of Acts and
Regulations Committee, Victoria

11.40 am *Scrutiny of bills under bills of rights: Is Victoria's model
the way forward?*
Dr Jeremy Gans, Legal Adviser to the Scrutiny of Acts
and Regulations Committee, Victoria

12.10 pm General open forum discussion on the implications of bills of rights
for all legislative scrutiny committees

12.30 pm **Lunch** **Members' Guests**
Dining Room

2.00 pm **Session 12: Open forum**
Chair: Senator Jacinta Collins, Member of the Senate Standing
Committee for the Scrutiny of Bills

Where to from here?
General open forum discussion on issues identified during the
Conference

2.45 pm **Notices of motion by delegates**
Conference resolutions
Next conference

3.15 pm **Conference close**

3.30 pm **Farewell afternoon tea**
