

# RULE OF LAW CONTEMPORARY ISSUES CONFERENCE

20 APRIL 2012 | HILTON, BRISBANE

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## WELCOME

The Conference on *The Rule of Law: Contemporary Issues* deals with questions of central importance for the rule of law arising from legal developments in the areas of land management law and professional ethics. As indicated in the conference program, these issues will be addressed by leading judges, members of parliament and academic commentators with time also for audience participation.

The Rule of Law Institute of Australia is an independent not-for-profit body formed to uphold the rule of law in Australia by promoting discussion on the importance of the principles which underpin the rule of law. The Centre for Public, International and Comparative Law is a research centre of the T C Beirne School of Law, The University of Queensland, dedicated to the advancement of legal scholarship in Australia and the Asia-Pacific Region.

We are proud to collaborate in bringing this conference to the legal profession, the academic community and the general public with the support of the Queensland Bar Association.

We extend a warm welcome to all our speakers and guests.



Richard Gilbert  
Chief Executive Officer  
Rule of Law Institute Australia



Professor Jennifer Corrin  
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## OVERVIEW

The rule of law is a key concept which underpins Australia's Constitution and its legal system. Upholding this fundamental ideal is the shared responsibility of judges, lawyers, academic scholars, public authorities and civic minded citizens – a task which requires eternal vigilance, sound scholarship and the continued scrutiny of legal and political developments.

The Rule of Law Institute of Australia and the Centre for Public, International and Comparative Law at The University of Queensland's TC Beirne School of Law are proud to present the Conference on Rule of Law: Contemporary Issues with the support of the Queensland Bar Association.

Featuring a distinguished panel of senior judges, members of parliament and academics, the event promises lively debate on important issues arising in two areas of contemporary legal development.

This is an event that will appeal to lawyers, academics, public officials and members of the public who are interested in the all-important topic of the rule of law.

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## PROGRAM

Friday, 20 April 2012

The Redlands Lockyer Moreton Room, Level 5, Hilton Hotel, Brisbane

8:15 - 8:45

Registration

8:45 - 8:50

Opening address

**Professor Gerard Carney**, Dean, TC Beirne School of Law, UQ

8:50 - 9:30

Session One: The Australian Parliament and the Rule of Law

Speakers

**Senator The Hon. George Brandis SC**, Shadow Federal Attorney-General

**The Hon. Graham Perrett MP**, Chair, House of Representatives Standing  
Committee on Social Policy and Legal Affairs

9:30 - 11:00

Session Two: The Rule of Law and Land Management Issues - Points of Conflict

Chair

**The Hon. Justice Catherine E Holmes**, Queensland Court of Appeal

Speakers

**Professor Douglas Fisher**, Faculty of Law, QUT

*'The Diversity of Interests in Environmental Governance: A Challenge for the Rule  
of Law'*

**Professor Suri Ratnapala**, TC Beirne School of Law, UQ

*'Vegetation Management Legislation: Emerging Issues for the Rule of Law'*

11:00 - 11:30

Morning Tea

11:30 - 13:00

Session Three: The Rule of Law and Legal Ethics - Points of Interest

Chair

**Professor James Allan**, TC Beirne School of Law, UQ

Speakers

**Professor Reid Mortensen**, School of Law, USQ

*'The Legal Profession National Law, an Ethic and the Rule of Law'*

**The Hon. Justice James Douglas**, Supreme Court of Queensland  
*'Access to Justice - Problems of Self Representation'*

The Queens Ballroom, Level 5, Hilton Hotel, Brisbane

13:00 - 14:30

Lunch and keynote address

Speaker

**The Hon. David F. Jackson AM QC**

Barrister at Law, former Judge of the Federal Court of Australia

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## GENERAL INFORMATION

### CPD accreditation

#### Bar Association of Queensland

The event has been accredited for Qld barristers for 1 CPD point per hour of attendance inclusive of the ethics mandatory strand. The accreditation code is ROL120420.

#### Queensland Law Society

Queensland CPD points may be claimed for attendance at this conference, based upon practitioner self-assessment. 1 CPD point can be claimed per hour of attendance (not including breaks/social activities).

### The venue

The Rule of Law Conference will be held at the Hilton Hotel, 190 Elizabeth Street, Brisbane. The Opening address, Sessions 1 and 2 will be held in the Redlands Lockyer Moreton Room and the Lunch will be held in the Queens Ballroom. Both rooms are located on Level 5.

### Registration entitlements

#### Conference Registration

- attendance at the opening address, sessions 1 & 2 and the keynote lunch address
- morning tea and two course lunch

#### Lunch Registration

- attendance at the keynote lunch address
- two course lunch

### Close of registration

Close of earlybird registration (with accompanying payment) is Wednesday 29 February 2012. Standard, Student and Lunch registration (with accompanying payment) must be received by Friday 13 April 2012.

### Cancellation policy and transfers

Cancellations or transfers must be in writing. Refunds will not be issued for cancellations after 16th April 2012.

### Name badges

Your name badge is your passport and access to all sessions, morning tea and lunch. Please ensure your badge is visible at all times.

### Dietary or access requirements

Please indicate on the registration form.

### Disclaimer

The organisers of this conference reserve the right to substitute the program sessions and/or speakers. All details are correct as at 2 February 2012.

### Privacy

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### SECTION B: CONFERENCE REGISTRATION (INCLUDING LUNCH)

Final conference and lunch registrations close 13 April 2012.

STANDARD FEE (Inc GST)	EARLY BIRD FEE, FOR <b>PAYMENT BY 29 February</b> 2012 (Inc GST)	STUDENT RATE (inc GST)	Conference lunch and morning tea are included in the registration fee.
\$180 per person	\$150 per person	\$100 per person	

CONFERENCE LUNCH (includes two course lunch and keynote address).

\$80 per person (inc GST)	Select this option if you will be attending the lunchtime address only.
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### SECTION C: PAYMENT

ITEM	PAYMENT
Early Bird Registration fees x _____	\$ _____
Standard Registration fees x _____	\$ _____
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