

School of Law

Religious Freedom after Ruddock

Draft Conference Program

The University of Queensland, St Lucia

Saturday 6 April 2019

Program

9am – 10:45am

The Ruddock recommendations considered

Nicholas Aroney, The University of Queensland
Reflections on Ruddock

Harry Hobbs and George Williams, University of New South Wales
Protecting Religious Freedom in a Human Rights Act

Jacquie Rochow (Former) Intern with the SA Office of the Equal Opportunity Commission in collaboration with Dr Niki Vincent, SA Equal Opportunity Commissioner
The Ruddock Review: Impact on South Australian Anti-discrimination Law

10.45am – 11.15am

Morning Tea

11.15am – 12:45pm

Understanding the policy choices

Michael Quinlan, The University of Notre Dame
Enforcing Conformity: Criminalising Religiously Inspired Actions and Refusals to Act

Joel Harrison, The University of Sydney
Religion-Based Exemptions: The Legislature's Role in Protecting Religious Liberty

Joshua Neoh, Australian National University
Do Religious Values have any Value?

12.45pm – 1.30pm

Lunch

1.30pm – 2.30pm

Ruddock and its limitations

Jeremy Patrick, University of Southern Queensland
Evidence of Absence in the Ruddock Report

Alex Deagon, Queensland University of Technology
Religious Schools, Religious Vendors and Refusing Services

Religious schools and discrimination

Anja Hilkemeijer, University of Tasmania and Amy Maguire, University of Newcastle
To what extent would the Ruddock panel's recommendations regarding discrimination by religious schools align Australian law with the 'balancing of rights' approach of the European Court of Human Rights?

Renaë Barker, University of Western Australia
Charting the future of religious schools after the Ruddock review by understanding what came before

2.30pm – 3pm

Afternoon tea

3pm – 4.15pm

Emerging issues in religious freedom

Neil Foster, The University of Newcastle
Religious Free Speech After Ruddock: Implications for Blasphemy and Religious Vilification Laws

Patrick Byrne, National Civic Council
Religious and Secular Beliefs in Conflict with Gender Identity Laws: Is there a Solution?

Patrick Quirk, Australian Catholic University
Conscience and Freedom in the Contemporary German Rechtsstaat: Australian Implications and Comparative Reflections

4.15pm – 4.45pm

Wrap up

Patrick Parkinson, The University of Queensland
The Future of Religious Freedoms

4.45pm

Closing remarks

Justice François Kunc, Supreme Court of New South Wales