

Call for papers for Society of Construction Law Australia Conference in Perth June 2010

“The Construction Industry and the Law: Life after the GFC”

Australia appeared to weather the Global Financial Crisis (“GFC”) better than some other advanced economies. Nevertheless, Australia was significantly affected by global events, and this impacted the construction industry in a number of ways. The theme of this conference is how the GFC has affected and will continue to affect the practice of construction law.

Papers are invited relating to **any construction law-related topic**, particularly those which can be linked to the conference theme. Some suggested topics include:

- What was the impact of the GFC on the Australian construction industry?
- Will the GFC have a long-term impact on project financing and contractor capabilities?
- Has the nature of Contractor-Employer relationships been changed by the GFC?
- Did the GFC change the number or nature of construction disputes?
- Were the existing forms of ADR appropriate to resolve disputes arising from the GFC?
- Were the contractual provisions in place before the GFC appropriate to the risks that materialised? Were particular forms of contract more or less suited than others to the changed circumstances?
- What lessons for the practice of construction law should be learned (or relearned) from the GFC?
- Will the GFC have a long-term impact on risk allocation?
- Has the GFC changed perceptions of the appropriate balance between time, cost and quality?
- Whole life costing of construction projects, and its influence on procurement methods.
- Green capabilities of projects - energy efficiency, sustainability and minimising the carbon footprint.
- Are previous project management structures and resources appropriate in the post-GFC world?
- Do the time management provisions of contracts need rethinking?
- Do existing forms of contract allow the full advantages of modern BIM [Building Information Management] systems to be realised, or allocate the risks in using BIM to the party best able to manage them?
- What are the implications of the GFC for the Public-Private Partnership mode of delivery?
- What impact does an economic downturn such as the GFC have on the litigiousness of potential parties to construction disputes?
- How have government stimulus programs to address the GFC impacted on the construction industry?

Intending authors can either submit an abstract of their proposed paper of no more than 250 words, or submit an essay for the Brooking Prize by 31 March 2010, indicating that the paper is also to be considered for presentation at the conference. Abstracts are to be submitted at: <https://register.eecw.com.au/ei/getdemo.ei?id=434&s= IQSOQJ3TH> . Details of entries and the awards for the Brooking Prize are at: <http://www.scl.org.au/the-2010-brooking-prize/>.

Following peer review, the authors of papers accepted for the conference will be advised no later than 9 April 2010. The full text of final papers submitted by abstract is required by 30 April 2010, to ensure that the conference program can be finalised, and the papers will be available to conference registrants before the conference. The recommended length of papers is around 5000 words.

Authors of accepted papers will be required to commit to attending the conference (at a reduced registration fee) to deliver their papers.

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