



Papers are now invited for the 2018 Brooking Prize

The Society is delighted to announce the following prize offering for 2018:

Brooking Prize – A\$5,000

Brooking Student Prize – A\$1,500

High Commendation – A\$1,000 (General), A\$500 (Student)

Commendation – A\$500 (General), A\$250 (Student)

All entrants awarded a prize or commendation will, in addition, be granted complimentary membership of the Society for one year.

The Society of Construction Law Australia offers the Brooking Prize annually for the best essay submitted in the field of construction law. It is named after The Hon Robert Brooking AO QC in recognition of his Honour's pioneering contribution to the study and practice of construction law in Australia.

The inaugural Brooking Prize was awarded in 2010. Information about the 2010-17 prizes is available at <https://www.scl.org.au/subcommittees.php/1/the-brooking-prize>.

Candidates may select any subject matter concerning the theory or practice of construction law or its application in the industry.

The Society encourages entries from all disciplines and levels of experience. Entries within the General and Student Divisions will be judged separately.

The Judging Panel will allocate marks as follows:

- 50% - 'Originality of thought or approach and contribution to the study or practice of construction law or its application in the industry'.
- 40% - 'Quality of analysis, explanation and discussion of chosen topic'. Considerable weight is given to the freshness of ideas and the value of the work.
- 10% - 'Clarity of presentation, grammar, spelling, punctuation and any referencing'. Entries should conform to a recognized academic style guide – for example, the *Australian Guide to Legal Citation* available at <http://mulr.law.unimelb.edu.au/go/aqlc>.

Note: Entries *must* be original. This means that papers submitted for the Brooking Prize cannot have been:

- published in any form prior to the submission deadline referred to below; or
- submitted for judging prior to that date for any essay prize (whether or not the judging has been undertaken for such prize and whether the paper has received any award in relation to that prize),

nor can papers be substantially similar to any paper which has been published or submitted in this way.

The Society reserves the right to publish any entries in hard copy and/ or on its website, with copyright being held jointly by the author and the Society. The Society will not unreasonably refuse publication elsewhere of any entry provided that a note acknowledging the paper's original submission to (and, if applicable, publication by) the Society in respect of the Brooking Prize is included in such publication.

Entries are to be:

- Not more than 6,000 words in total (including all footnotes, headings and other references). The judging panel's usual practice is to disregard the text of the paper to the extent it exceeds 6,000 words. The word count must be stated at the end of the paper.
- Identifiable by essay title only: ***It is important that the author's name, company name or any other identifier does not appear anywhere on the paper itself!***
- Accompanied by a covering letter or email:
 - showing the title of entry, author's name, daytime telephone number and email address;
 - confirming that the author accepts the terms set out in this invitation;
 - indicating whether the essay is submitted in the General or Student Division (*entrants in the Student Division must be currently-enrolled students and are to provide the name of their institution and student number; the same entry may be entered in both divisions, but only one prize or commendation may be awarded per entry*).

The Society retains absolute discretion as to whether to award a prize in any category and, where a prize is awarded in a category, whether to award it to more than one entry (in which case the advertised prize would be shared equally).

Joint entries (no more than two authors) will be accepted but joint authors are to share any prize awarded.

Entries must be submitted in Microsoft Word or .pdf format and received by 4.00pm Sydney time on **Wednesday 13 June 2018**, by email to the Secretary at secretary@scl.org.au. *Late entries will not be forwarded to the judges.*

These rules are to be posted on www.scl.org.au and may be altered at any time by the Society.

Please direct any queries to the Chair of the Academic Subcommittee, Matthew Bell, m.bell@unimelb.edu.au.