



2018 BUILDING & CONSTRUCTION LAW CONFERENCE



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DATES & LOCATIONS

Melbourne – Marriott Hotel

27 November 2018

Sydney – Sheraton on the Park

28 November 2018

Brisbane – Stamford Plaza

29 November 2018

SPEAKERS INCLUDE:

Hon. Peter Vickery QC

Owen Dixon Chambers

Ian Bailey AM SC

Wentworth Chambers

Lisa Stankiewicz

Group General Counsel, McConnell Dowell

Glen O'Neill

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HSE & Construction Legal, Mirvac

Anna-Athanasia Dervenis

Vice President, Legal Counsel,
Brookfield Properties

Plus Allens | Norton Rose Fulbright
Clayton Utz | Keypoint Law | FTI Consulting
and many more

Whether your client is the builder, owner, contractor or sub-contractor, supplier or lender the issues in building and construction law are complex and difficult to clarify.

The Thomson Reuters Building & Construction Law Conference series taking place in Melbourne, Sydney and Brisbane over 27-29 November aims to address current and contentious issues such as: Security of Payments legislation post the Murray Report; insolvency reform and the new Ipso Facto regime; cladding liability and claims; procurement for construction; understanding ADR what works and when; and delay and concurrent delay.

The Building & Construction Law Conference is a one-day intensive for construction lawyers and industry professionals in the building, construction, property, infrastructure, engineering and associated industries. The Conference aims to remove uncertainty, reduce the risk of litigation and increase building compliance.

YOUR INVESTMENT:

Early Bird:

\$595 +GST

(Early Bird closes on 12 October 2018)

Full Price:

\$695 +GST

See over the page for the full conference programme.

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AGENDA

8:30AM REGISTRATION & COFFEE

9:00AM **Welcome from the chair**
Melbourne: George H Golvan QC, Barrister, Victorian Bar
Brisbane: Aleisha MacKenzie, Director, Construct Law Group

9:10AM **Construction legislation and regulation: what needs to happen to raise standards to prevent a crisis in construction**
The lack of cohesion in construction regulation across Australia leads to a frustrating and overly complex system, with multiple jurisdictions and different legislative and administrative requirements. This session will cover how the lack of consistency in regulation is impacting the quality and safety of buildings and what needs to change in terms of legislation, insurance and certification to prevent crisis in construction.
Ian Bailey AM SC, Wentworth Chambers

9:50AM **Security of Payments legislation: post Murray Report**
Hon. Peter Vickery QC, Owen Dixon Chambers

10:30AM MORNING TEA

11:00AM **Case law roundup: what are the practical implications for contracting parties following recent Court decisions?**
What are the implications of recent case law, recommendations for clients with existing contracts and considerations for new building contracts.
Melbourne: Nick Rudge, Partner, Allens
Sydney: Leighton O'Brien, Partner, Allens
Brisbane: Dan Young, Partner, Allens

11:40AM **Delay, disruption and concurrent delay**
Delay and disruption are endemic in the construction industry and lead to time and cost overruns. Assessing delay and disruption on construction projects, and issues as to whether there is concurrent delay, are complex and difficult. This practical presentation will cover the distinction between delay and disruption and what is concurrent delay to provide some clarity in these highly complex areas of construction law.
Robert Gemmill, Director, FTI Consulting

12:20PM **Headline issues for inhouse counsel for the construction industry**
Melbourne: Lisa Stankiewicz, Group General Counsel, McConnell Dowell
Sydney: Glen O'Neill, Group General Manager – HSE & Construction Legal, Mirvac & Anna-Athanasia Dervenis, Vice President, Legal Counsel, Brookfield Properties

1:00PM LUNCH

1:50PM **Construction insolvency reform: the new Ipso Facto regime**
The new insolvency reforms commenced on 1 July 2018 impacting on the right to terminate contracts triggered by insolvency events. The presentation will cover how to navigate the insolvency reforms in the context of the construction industry, the impact on new contracts and dual regimes (pre and post 1 July contracts), as well as 'step in rights' and bank guarantees.
Melbourne: Phillipa Beck, Partner, Norton Rose Fulbright
Sydney: Peter Harrison, Partner, Kemp Strang
Brisbane: Robert Tooth, Associate, Tucker & Cowen

2:30PM **ADR: what works and when?**
What are the advantages and disadvantages of adjudication, arbitration or mediation? When does it benefit your client or company and which dispute resolution option provides you with the best chance of success? This session will cover the practical applications of ADR to recent construction disputes.
Melbourne: James Waters, Barrister, Victorian Bar
Sydney: Laina Chan, Barrister, 3 Wentworth Chambers and Melbourne Technology Engineering and Construction Chambers (MTECC); Director of Society of Construction Law Australia
Brisbane: Benjamin Whitten, Barrister and Melbourne Technology Engineering and Construction Chambers (MTECC)

3:10PM AFTERNOON TEA

3:30PM **Procurement and contracting in the construction industry**
This session covers one of the key issues in industry today is the need for a more collaborative approach to procurement and contracting.
Melbourne: Marko Misko, Partner, Clayton Utz
Sydney: Lina Fischer, Partner, Clayton Utz
Brisbane: Sergio Capelli, Head of Construction, Clayton Utz

4:10PM **Cladding claims and liability, who is responsible?**
With the Grenfell Disaster in the UK drawing international coverage, building cladding has come under scrutiny in the past 12 months. This session will cover the Australian regulatory responses to these risks, the duties and responsibilities. There will be discussion on liability for cladding removal as well as issues in sourcing non-conforming products.
Roland Burt, Consulting Principal, Keypoint Law

4:50PM END OF CONFERENCE

TESTIMONIALS FROM 2017 ATTENDEES

"Conference well worthwhile & I look forward to the next one."

"Excellent conference overall, well presented, chaired and topical topics."

"Generally very informative helpful in keeping abreast of legal & contractual obligations."