

AUSTRALIA'S FIRST BILL OF RIGHTS
A Forum on the National Implications of the ACT Human Rights Act

Thursday 1 July 2004
9am – 5pm

PROGRAM

- 8.30am Registration and coffee (outside SAS Visions Theatre)
- 9.00 am **Welcome**
Craddock Morton, Director, National Museum of Australia
Opening
[Jon Stanhope MLA](#), Chief Minister of the ACT

Chair: Michael Coper, ANU
- 9.30 am **Panel 1: The ACT Human Rights Act**
How does the ACT HRA protect human rights?
[Elizabeth Kelly](#), Acting CEO, ACT Department of Justice & Community Safety

What rights are protected? What rights are not? The ACT translation of the ICCPR
[Hilary Charlesworth](#), ANU

The role of the legislature under the HRA
[Thomas Poole](#), University of Nottingham

Chair: Leighton McDonald, ANU
- 11.00am **Morning tea** (Hall)
- 11.30am **Panel 2: Bills of Rights and the Australian Debate**

[Nicola Roxon MP](#), Shadow Attorney-General

Chair: George Williams, UNSW
- 12.30pm **Lunch** (Hall)
- 1.30pm **Panel 3: Matters of Interpretation and Incompatibility**

Interpretation – the international experience
Andrew Byrnes, ANU

Human rights interpretation and the criminal law
[Simon Bronitt](#), ANU

Freedom of expression
[Sarah Joseph](#), Monash University

Chair: Chief Justice Terence Higgins, Supreme Court of the ACT
- 3.00pm **Afternoon tea** (Hall)
- 3.30pm **Panel 4: Limitations and Opportunities: Looking Forward**

[Peter Bailey](#), ANU
Megan Davis, UTS
Cassandra Goldie, UNSW
Bill Stefaniak MLA, ACT
[Helen Watchirs](#), ACT Human Rights & Discrimination Commissioner

Chair: Larissa Behrendt, UTS
- 5.00pm **Book Launch** (Hall)
The Case for an Australian Bill of Rights: Freedom in the War on Terror
by George Williams, to be launched by Nicola Roxon MP
- 6.00pm **Close**