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The Defence White Paper and Australian and International Law

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The Government's commissioning of a new Defence White Paper and a Review of National Security Strategy and Arrangements prompts consideration of the legal context under both international and Australian law in which these reviews are being undertaken. Aspects of international law governing the use of force (including pre-emptively); and the now complex and controversial domestic legal regime and institutions of national security are increasingly interconnected and globalised. Moreover, significant relative adjustments in global power relationships will impact on the potential for rules and norms of international law to underpin our defence and national security policies, including our alliances.

This CIPL Forum will consider these issues from both an Australian domestic law perspective and from an international law perspective. Both speakers have extensive expertise as practitioners of Australian and international law from both a government and academic perspective.