Marriage Equality Act Seminar

Thursday 14 November 2013  5–6.30 pm

Finkel Theatre  John Curtin School of Medical Research, Bldg 131, Garran Rd, The Australian National University

The ANU's Centre for International and Public Law will hold a seminar looking at the enactment of the Marriage Equality Act by the ACT Legislative Assembly and the constitutional challenge to that legislation by the Commonwealth. The seminar will focus on constitutional issues that arise and the question of which jurisdiction is the appropriate one to enact same sex marriage legislation.

Confirmed speakers include:
Simon Corbell MLA, ACT Attorney-General. Simon Corbell MLA was first elected to the ACT Legislative Assembly as a Labor Member for Molonglo in 1997. He was re-elected in 1998, 2001, 2004, 2008 and 2012 and has been a Minister since 2001. He is currently the Attorney General, Minister for the Environment and Sustainable Development, Minister for Police and Emergency Services and Minister for Workplace Safety and Industrial Relations.

The Hon Dr Andrew Leigh MP, Federal Member for Fraser. Prior to being elected in 2010, Andrew was a professor of economics at the Australian National University. He has written extensively on a range of subjects, including education, taxation and social policy. Andrew is a Fellow of the Australian Academy of Social Sciences, the only parliamentarian to be a fellow of one of the four national academies.

Wayne Morgan has worked in the area of lesbian and gay relationship law reform for the past 20 years, advising various Australian governments and lesbian and gay lobby groups. He has advised on UN Communications in indigenous issues; as well as refugee and sexuality issues.

Kristen Walker is a barrister and a Principal Fellow at Melbourne Law School. Her areas of expertise include Australian constitutional law, administrative law, human rights law and refugee law. Kristen has taught subjects on gender, sexuality and international human rights law at Columbia Law School and at the James E Rogers School of Law at the University of Arizona. Kristen served as associate to Sir Anthony Mason, Chief Justice of Australia, after completing her articles with Arthur Robinson & Hedderwicks.

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