



## PUBLIC LAW WEEKEND

### PUBLIC LAW IN THE AGE OF STATUTES

### A CONFERENCE IN HONOUR OF EMERITUS PROFESSOR DENNIS PEARCE AO

#### Program

8.30–9 am	Registration
9–9.15 am	<b>Opening</b> <b>Professor Stephen Bottomley</b> , Dean, ANU College of Law, The Australian National University <b>Michael Will</b> , Partner, HWL Ebsworth
9.15–10.45 am	<b>SESSION 1</b> <b>The Hon Justice Stephen Gageler</b> , High Court of Australia > <i>Master of words: who chooses statutory meaning?</i> <b>Daniel Stewart</b> , ANU College of Law, The Australian National University > <i>Private standards as delegated legislation</i> Chair: Professor Kim Rubenstein, ANU College of Law, The Australian National University
10.45–11.15 am	Morning tea
11.15 am–12.45 pm	<b>SESSION 2</b> <b>Professor Margaret Allars SC</b> , Faculty of Law, The University of Sydney > <i>Executive versus judiciary revisited</i> <b>Professor John McMillan AO</b> , Australian Information Commissioner > <i>Administrative law and cultural change</i> Chair: Adjunct Professor Harry Geddes, School of Law, University of New England
12.45–1.45 pm	Lunch
1.45–3.15 pm	<b>SESSION 3</b> <b>Linda Pearson</b> , Commissioner, Land and Environment Court of New South Wales > <i>The vision splendid: Australian tribunals in the 21st century</i> <b>Professor A J Brown</b> , Centre for Governance and Public Policy, Griffith University > <i>Inquiring minds or inquiring minders? Conundra in the selection, appointment and governance of public inquiry heads</i> Chair: Professor Robin Creyke, Senior Member, Administrative Appeals Tribunal
3.15–3.45 pm	Afternoon tea



3.45–5.15 pm

**SESSION 4**

**The Hon Justice Susan Kenny**, Federal Court of Australia, Melbourne

> *The Administrative Review Council and transformative reform*

**Professor Cheryl Saunders AO**, Melbourne Law School, The University of Melbourne

> *Constitutional dimensions of statutory interpretation*

*Chair: Stephen Argument, Legal Adviser to the ACT Standing Committee on Justice and Community Safety and to the Senate Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances*

5.15 pm

**Conference close**

**Professor Tim Bonyhady AM**, ANU College of Law, The Australian National University

6–7 pm

**Book Launch (Common Room, University House)** (corner Balmain Crescent & Liversidge Street, The Australian National University)

*Statutory Interpretation in Australia: The Fortieth Anniversary Edition*

by Dennis Pearce and Harry Geddes

To be launched by **The Hon Chief Justice Robert French AC**, High Court of Australia

7.30 pm

**Conference Dinner (Great Hall, University House)**