

## Australian Institute of Administrative Law

### A seminar on the Robodebt Royal Commission with Peter Hanks KC, Dr Darren O'Donovan and Angus Scott KC Thursday, 2 November 2023

By Zoom, commencing at 5.30pm (AEDT)  
(QLD 4.40pm; SA 5.00pm; WA 2.30pm)

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### The Robodebt Royal Commission – Part 1

The Robodebt Royal Commission reported in July 2023. The Report contains 57 recommendations and sets out how the Robodebt scheme was developed, implemented, maintained and eventually terminated. It describes, in the Commission's words, 'the patently unreliable methodology' of income averaging, and the 'myriad of other ways' the scheme failed the public interest. The Report raises a wide range of issues for administrative lawyers. This seminar will look at the conduct of the Commission and the legal and policy development issues it considered. It is the first of a number of seminars which the AIAL will hold to consider the Report.

**Peter Hanks KC** is one of Australia's leading public lawyers and advocates. He has spoken and written about the Robodebt scheme, and acted for participants affected by it.

**Dr Darren O'Donovan** is a senior lecturer in administrative law at La Trobe University. He has spoken, written and commented on the Robodebt scheme and Royal Commission, as well as broader issues of public inquiries, automated decision making, and social security law.

**Angus Scott KC** was one of the counsel assisting the Royal Commission and has extensive experience in a broad range of public law, with a particular focus on administrative law, regulatory prosecutions and statutory interpretation, as well as the workings of government and the public service.

**Chair: Margaret Tregurtha**, Deputy Director General, IP Australia.

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