

## 2025 AIAL National Administrative Law Conference

### **Perspectives in Administrative Law**

Thursday 31 July and Friday 1 August 2025

The University Club of Western Australia  
Hackett Drive, Crawley, Perth



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The overarching theme for the 2025 AIAL National Administrative Law Conference is *Perspectives in Administrative Law*.

Administrative processes and decisions have the capacity to shape the lives of individuals, organisations and the broader society. This Conference seeks to explore and present various viewpoints in administrative law. It will traverse recent developments in administrative law and judicial and administrative accountability from a variety of perspectives, including those of First Nations peoples, individuals, and corporations.

The Conference will be relevant to government decision-makers; those affected by decisions, and their advisers; members of review bodies, tribunals and courts; policy developers; public lawyers; academics; and others with an interest in Australian administrative law.

**Bookings:** <https://events.humanitix.com/aial-national-conference-2025>

## Thursday 31 July 2025

8.15am Registration and arrival tea and coffee

9.15am **Welcome and opening address**

Welcome by The Hon. Justice Rachel Pepper, President of the AIAL

Welcome to Country - Ingrid Cummins

**Opening Address by Craig Bydder SC**, Solicitor-General for Western Australia

**10.00am Plenary Session 1: Who judges the judges? Suing judges and oversight by judicial commissions**

Speakers: **Alexis Eddy**, Director, Judicial Commission of Victoria

**Rachael Young SC**, Western Australian Bar

*A conversation about the experience of various judicial commissions in Australia. A brief background will be provided of the litigation against Judge Vasta, before discussion as to the desirability of judicial commissions, the Constitutional considerations in the establishment and structure of judicial commissions and the relevant experiences of judicial commission around Australia*

11:00 Morning tea

**11.30am Plenary Session 2: Social housing: perspectives on administrative law challenges**

Speakers: **Kate Davis**, Lecturer, School of Law and Criminology, Murdoch University, SCALES  
Community Legal Centre

*How can administrative law assist children facing eviction to homelessness from public housing?*

**Natalie Bradshaw and Ruth Carty**, Legal Aid NSW

*Challenges that individuals face when navigating the NSW social housing system*

**Coleen Haywood AM**

*The unique experiences First Nations people have of government decision-making in housing context*

Chair: **Peter Collins**, Director Legal Services, Aboriginal Legal Service of Western Australia Ltd

12:30pm Lunch

**1.30pm Plenary Session 3: Eyes on the Prize: Firing the Starting Gun and Crossing the Finish Line (or put another way, Justiciability, Standing and Administrative Law Remedies in the Context of Environmental Litigation)**

Speakers: **Frances Gordon KC**, Victorian Bar

**The Hon Justice Rachel Pepper**, Land and Environment Court of New South Wales

Chair: **Rebecca Heath**, Partner, Squire Patton Boggs (AU)

## Thursday 31 July 2025 (continued)

### 2:30pm Plenary Session 4: Oversight of oversight: Anti-corruption and integrity

Speakers: **Matthew Groves**, Deakin Distinguished Professor of Law, Deakin University; Member, Administrative Review Council  
*Oversight of Oversight*

**Ben Gauntlett**, Deputy Commissioner, National Anti-Corruption Commission  
*Social policy, administrative law and integrity oversight mechanisms – do we have the balance right?*

Chair: **The Hon Michael Corboy SC**, Deputy Commissioner of the Corruption and Crime Commission Western Australia

3:30 Afternoon tea

### 4:00pm Plenary Session 5: Legal fictions

Speakers: **The Hon Justice Robert Mitchell**, Supreme Court of Western Australia, Court of Appeal

**Dr Juliet Lucy**, Presidential Member, ACT Civil and Administrative Tribunal  
*Once upon a time there was a judge...: Legal fictions and diverse perspectives in administrative law decision-making*

**Professor Andrew Higgins**, University of Oxford, Professor of Civil Procedure

### 5:00pm Plenary Session 6 : AIAL National Lecture

**The Hon Debra Mortimer**, Chief Justice of the Federal Court of Australia

6:00pm Conference Drinks

7:00pm Conference Dinner and Trivia Quiz

## Friday 1 August 2025

8.30am Registration and arrival tea and coffee

### 9.00am Concurrent Session 1

#### Stream 1.1

**Kristian Hollins**, Australian National University  
*Universal Tests, Individualised Justice: Legal fictions as regulators of human variation*

**James Gaetani**, Australian National University  
*Deference and Indigenous norms: Engaging with the perspectives of Indigenous representative bodies in an administrative law context*

#### Stream 1.2

**Dr Joel Lisk**, Flinders University and **Dominic Wilcox**, Sydney Bar  
*Coming back to Earth: What can Space Law teach us about the regulation of new technologies?*

**Sarah Withnall Howe**, Murdoch University  
*Jurisdictional Error: What even is it and how does it impact the lives of individuals affected by administrative decisions in Australia?*

10.00am Morning Tea

### 10.30am Concurrent Session 2

#### Stream 2.1

**William Berthelot** and **Jessica Schulman**, Legal Aid NSW  
*Character cancellations and refusals on review: Does the Migration Act hinder or help the purpose of the ART?*

**Sarah Byrne**, Partner, Holding Redlich  
*The fit and proper person test*

#### Stream 2.2

**Ellen Rock** and **Janina Boughey**, University of New South Wales  
*Will the Administrative Review Tribunal's accountability functions improve administrative decision-making? Lessons from behavioural science*

**Kieran Gregory**, Queensland University of Technology  
*Let a thousand integrity agencies bloom: Understanding why inquiries recommend the creation of new integrity agencies*

### 11.30am Plenary Session 7: The Evolution of Administrative Tribunals—Panel

Speakers: **The Hon Justice Kate Glancy**, President, State Administrative Tribunal, Western Australia  
**Simone Burford**, Deputy President, Administrative Review Tribunal

Chair: **The Hon Judge Arran Gerrard**, Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia (Division 2)

12.30pm Closing remarks and Conference Close

*Followed by informal networking – venue TBC, own cost*

## Displays at the conference

Do you have an administrative law program or activity that would be appropriate for a display at the Conference? The Institute welcomes displays from government agencies, tribunals, academic institutions, publishers and law firms.

For more information, contact the AIAL Secretariat on 02 6290 1505 or email [aial@commercemgt.com.au](mailto:aial@commercemgt.com.au).

## Conference venue

The University Club of Western Australia is located on Hackett Drive, Crawley, Western Australia, and is 8 minutes from the Perth CBD.

Use Entrance #1 - Carpark 3#

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Parking **MUST** be purchased one of two ways:

- Via the EasyPark machines which are **ONLY** located in yellow (student and visitor) and green (special reserved visitor) zones.
- Via your mobile phone using the EasyPark App.

For more information about the University Club of Western Australia, visit <https://universityclub.uwa.edu.au/>



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## Accommodation information

- Wonil Hotel Perth - 21 Hackett Drive, Crawley  
[wonil.res@accor.com](mailto:wonil.res@accor.com) Phone: (08) 9200 4800
- Kenata-Fairway Apartment Hotel - corner of Fairway and Edward Street, Crawley  
<https://kenata-fairway.blogspot.com> Phone: 0417 943464
- Broadway Short Term Apartments - 66 Broadway, Crawley  
<https://perthshortterm.com/> Phone: 0472 666 568
- Kings Park Motel Perth - 255 Thomas Street, Shenton Park  
<https://kingsparkmotel.com.au/> Phone: (08) 9381 0000
- Aurea Hotel Perth - 166 Mounts Bay Road, Perth  
<https://aureahotel.com.au/> Phone: (08) 6146 3933

## How to Register

Register online via Humanitix link below:

<https://events.humanitix.com/aial-national-conference-2025>

**Registration deadline:** COB Wednesday 23 July 2025

### Registration Fees:

**Note:** Conference dinner is included in the registration fee for delegates to this Conference with the exception of the concession and student registration fee and single day tickets.

Member	\$880.00
Non-Member	\$990.00
Group (3 or more) - Member	\$800.00
Group (3 or more) - Non-member	\$900.00
Community & Academic	\$600.00
Student & Concession	\$ 80.00 (Dinner not included)
Single Day Ticket - Member	\$450.00 (Dinner not included)
Single Day Ticket - Non-member	\$550.00 (Dinner not included)
Conference Dinner only	\$155.00
Online attendance	\$880.00

Delegates will receive confirmation of their registration and payment.

Please note: Conference papers which are available can be sent by email following the Conference on request. Some papers will be published in the *AIAL Forum* at a later date.

**CLE/CPD** points are available if this educational activity is relevant to your immediate or long term needs in relation to your professional development and practice of the law. Please contact your local Law Society for further details. **WA legal practitioners** should include their Practitioner ID as issued by the Legal Practice Board of WA when registering for the Conference in order to claim CPD points.

**Inquiries:** All inquiries should be directed to:

AIAL National Secretariat: [secretariat@aial.org.au](mailto:secretariat@aial.org.au). Phone: (02) 6290 1505.

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1. "AIAL Members" are current financial members of the AIAL.
2. All prices are stated in Australian Dollars (\$AUD) and include GST. Payments must be made in Australian Dollars.
3. Cancellations must be submitted in writing to [secretariat@aial.org.au](mailto:secretariat@aial.org.au) prior to COB Wednesday 23 July 2025 and may incur an administrative fee of 10% of your registration fee (incl. GST). No refunds will be made for cancellations advised after COB Wednesday 23 July 2025.
4. AIAL reserves the right to amend any part of the Conference program. If amendments are made to the program, an updated copy of the Conference program will be available on the AIAL website at [www.aial.org.au](http://www.aial.org.au).