
CALL FOR PAPERS AND ‘SAVE THE DATE’

Administrative Law in a Time of Crisis

Thursday 30 and Friday 31 July 2026

Hotel Realm, 18 National Circuit
Barton, Canberra, Australian Capital Territory

The AIAL National Administrative Law Conference is Australia’s pre-eminent administrative law conference, having been held each year since 1991 (except in 2020, due to COVID-19 restrictions). The 2026 Conference will be the 35th National Administrative Law Conference.

The aim of the Conference is to provide those involved or interested in Australian administrative law with the opportunity to discuss contemporary issues, share practical experiences and consider future developments. The 2026 Conference will be hosted by the National Executive Committee of the Institute.

THE 2026 NATIONAL CONFERENCE THEME

The overarching theme for the 2026 AIAL National Administrative Law Conference is: *Administrative Law in a Time of Crisis*.

This topic invites consideration of a broad range of current and future-focussed issues. We seek papers that explore present and emerging issues, analyse lessons learned and suggest ways forward, particularly those that address the following subthemes as they impact on administrative law or can be addressed through administrative law mechanisms:

- Addressing the impacts of climate change
- Responding to humanitarian emergencies
- The rights of First Nations peoples
- Threats to democracy
- Threats to the administration of justice
- The use of automation and artificial intelligence in administrative and judicial decision-making.

The Institute encourages contributions on this theme and relevant subthemes but is also interested in finding space for those with fresh perspectives or ideas. The Conference will provide a stimulating mixture of practical sessions and more reflective and thought-provoking presentations.

CALL FOR PAPERS

The Institute calls for potential papers on our theme to be presented at the Conference.

Please send written proposals for a paper by Friday 20 February 2026 by email to: aial@commercemgt.com.au or by post to: AIAL, PO Box 9141, Deakin ACT 2600.

PUBLICATION OF PAPERS

Conference speakers will be asked to prepare papers, which will be made available to those attending the Conference. Selected papers may also be published in the Institute’s journal, *AIAL Forum*. Papers may be refereed, if requested by the contributor.

2026 NATIONAL ADMINISTRATIVE LAW CONFERENCE

CONFERENCE VENUE

The 2026 National Administrative Law Conference will commence at 1:00pm on Thursday 30 July 2026 and conclude at 4:30pm on Friday 31 July 2026. All Conference sessions will be held at the Hotel Realm.

CONTACT DETAILS

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