



The tension between procedural fairness and the guiding principle for administrative tribunals

The Council of Australasian Tribunals (COAT) NSW Chapter and the Australian Institute of Administrative Law (AIAL) invite you to attend a special seminar.

The Tension Between Procedural Fairness and the Guiding Principle for Administrative Tribunals

Presented by Acting Justice John Griffiths, NSW Court of Appeal

John Griffiths has been an acting justice of the NSW Court of Appeal since April 2022. He took up that appointment after having served as a judge of the Federal Court for almost ten years. John lectured in law at Cambridge University for several years prior to returning to Australia in 1983 as the Director of Research of the Administrative Review Council. He then practised as a solicitor and a barrister for 26 years, primarily in public law litigation. John is currently the Chair of the NSW Chapter of AIAL.

This seminar will explore the relationship between procedural fairness obligations and the guiding principles that underpin the work of administrative tribunals, examining contemporary challenges and practical implications for decision-makers.

Acting Justice Griffiths will be joined in conversation by **Judge Gerard Phillips**, President of the Personal Injury Commission, and **Deputy President Anne Britton**, NSW Civil and Administrative Tribunal.

Join colleagues from across the tribunal, administrative law and broader legal communities for an engaging discussion on an issue at the heart of fair, efficient and accessible decision-making.

 WEDNESDAY 2 SEPTEMBER 2026

 5.15pm for a 5.30pm start

 Personal Injury Commission, 1 Oxford St,
Darlinghurst



REGISTER NOW

*The event is free for COAT NSW & AIAL members and non-members.
Attendance can be in person or online, but registration is required.
In-person attendees will enjoy refreshments and networking following the seminar.*