



Fourth Annual Conference

Friday 11 May 2007

"The Quality of Administrative Justice"

The Sydney Room, Menzies Sydney Hotel, Carrington Street



March 2007

Dear Members and Interested Persons,

The 2007 Annual Conference of the Council of Australasian Tribunals NSW Inc is being held on Friday 11 May 2006 in the Sydney Room, Menzies Sydney Hotel, Carrington Street, Sydney (adjacent to Wynyard Railway Station).

The Conference program, a combined 'Annual Conference and Subscription' form, 'Annual Subscription' form and 'Membership Application' form, are attached.

Current financial members who wish to come to the conference should complete the 'Annual Conference and Subscription' form only, and return it immediately with a cheque for \$145 to the Secretary, Belinda Cassidy at the address shown at the foot of the form. If you are a current financial member and wish to renew your membership but cannot come to the conference complete the Annual Subscription form and return it to us with your cheque for \$20.

Persons wishing to join the COAT NSW Chapter will also need to complete the 'Annual Conference and Subscription' form, but in addition, will need to complete and return the 'Membership Application' form. (The \$145 Conference and Membership subscription includes the membership fee of \$20). If you are unable to provide signatures from two current members to propose your membership, please do not delay submitting your form. We will contact you as soon as possible after the Annual Conference to help you complete this requirement.

Please note that the Annual Conference will begin at 8.30am sharp. I urge you to take your seat in the Conference room well before the starting time. Lunch, morning and afternoon tea will be provided to all participants.

The Conference content is aimed at providing practical guidance and food for thought for all tribunal members, staff and other interested persons. We are pleased to build on the success of last year's conference and present another high quality program in 2007.

Please complete and return your form(s), together with your cheque as soon as possible, but no later than Friday 4 May 2006.

I look forward to seeing you at the Conference.

Yours sincerely

Kay Ransome
Convenor, COAT NSW Chapter Inc.

Conference program



8.30 – 9.00 Registration

9.00 – 9.15 Welcome and conference opening

Ms Kay Ransome, Convenor, COAT NSW Chapter Inc.

Morning session convenor: Ms Kay Ransome

9.15 – 9.45 Report on COAT: the national perspective and other chapters

Mr Doug Humphreys, National Secretary, COAT

9.45 – 10.30 Keynote Address: What happens when 'Boilermakers' meets 'Tasmania Breweries'?

Mr David Bennett AO QC, Commonwealth Solicitor General

10.30 – 11.00 Morning tea

**Late morning session convenor: Mr Gary Byron,
Vice-Convenor, COAT NSW; Chair, Conference Sub-Committee**

11.00 – 11.45 The bounds of flexibility in tribunals

The Hon Justice Keith Mason AC, President NSW Court of Appeal

11.45 - 12.30 Super tribunals or specialist tribunals: is there a best model for the delivery of quality administrative justice?

His Honour Judge Kevin O'Connor, AM, President, NSW Administrative Decisions Tribunal

12.30 – 1.30 Lunch

**Afternoon session convenor: Mr Bob Quickenden,
member COAT NSW; Conference Sub-Committee**

1.30 – 2.00 Dust to dust - now for something a little different!

His Honour Judge John O'Meally, AM RFD, President, Dust Diseases Tribunal

2.00 – 2.45 Measuring the quality of administrative justice

Associate Professor Pamela O'Connor, Director of Teaching, Faculty of Law, Monash University

2.45 – 3.45 Panel discussion: the quality of administrative justice

Panel Ms Kay Ransome, Chairperson, Consumer Trader and Tenancy Tribunal (Chair)

Associate Professor Pamela O'Connor, Faculty of Law, Monash University

Ms Diane Robinson, President, Guardianship Tribunal

Mr Giles Short, Senior Member, Migration Review Tribunal & Refugee Review Tribunal

Professor Geoffrey Walker, Deputy President, Administrative Appeals Tribunal

Professor Margaret Allars, Faculty of Law, University of Sydney

3.45-3.50 Closing remarks

Ms Kay Ransome

3.50-4.30 Refreshments and informal discussion with panel members



Annual conference and subscription form

- 1 I will attend the COAT NSW Chapter annual conference and renew my annual subscription
- 2 I will attend the COAT NSW Chapter annual conference and apply to join the chapter (see point 3 below)
 - I enclose a cheque for \$145 payable to COAT NSW Chapter Inc.
 - I understand this is the total cost to me and that it includes the conference registration and my 2007/2008 annual membership subscription
- 3 I cannot attend the COAT NSW Chapter annual conference but wish to renew my annual subscription
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Surname

First name(s)

Current address

Suburb State Post Code

Phone Email

IMPORTANT

- 1) Send this form and your cheque to Belinda Cassidy, Secretary, COAT NSW Inc., PO Box 268 Darlinghurst, 1300 as soon as possible, but no later than Friday 4 May 2007
- 2) Please keep a copy of this form for your records and income tax purposes
- 3) If you are not a member of COAT NSW Chapter Inc, you must fill out the attached 'Application for membership' form and include it with your cheque and this form.

THANK YOU



Please keep a copy of this application form for your records before you send it to:

Belinda Cassidy,
Secretary, COAT NSW Chapter Inc.
PO Box 268, Darlinghurst, 1300

Membership application form (to June 2008)

I,

Full name of applicant including title, i.e., Justice, Judge, Mr, Ms, Mrs, etc . . .

of

Street address

Suburb *State* *Post Code*

Phone *Fax*

Email

Principal occupation

agree to be bound by the Constitution of the Council of Australasian Tribunals, NSW Chapter Inc. and hereby apply to become a member of this chapter. In the event of my admission as a member, I agree to be bound by the rules of the chapter for the time being in force. I declare that I am supportive of the Objectives of the Council of Australasian Tribunals.

I am a member of the following tribunals:

Tribunals

I am NOT a member of, or otherwise employed by a tribunal

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Signature

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a member of COAT NSW Inc., nominate the above applicant, who is personally known to me, for membership of the chapter

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