



COUNCIL OF AUSTRALASIAN TRIBUNALS  
NEW SOUTH WALES

# Seventh Annual Conference

Friday 7 May 2010

*“Quality Decision Making”*

The Sydney Room, Menzies Sydney Hotel, Carrington Street  
2010 Annual Conference of the Council of Australasian Tribunals, NSW Chapter Inc

## Quality Decision Making

- 8.30 am **Registration.**
- 9.00 am **Welcome and Conference Opening**  
Judge Kevin O'Connor AM, Convenor, COAT NSW Chapter Inc.
- 9.10 am **Keynote Address:**  
*"Jurisdiction and Powers of Tribunals: A Question of Statutory Construction"*  
Presenter: The Hon. Justice John Basten, Judge of Appeal, Court of Appeal, Supreme Court of NSW.
- 10.00 am **MORNING TEA**
- 10.30 am **COAT National Report: Kay Ransome, National Convenor.**
- 10.45 to 12.45 am **Session 1: Improving Our Techniques**  
*Session Chair:* Suellen Bullock, Director (NSW), Commonwealth Social Security Appeals Tribunal.
- (1) 10.45 am *"Managing Communication in the Hearing Room: Reflections of an Observer"*  
Presenter: Ms Joanna Kalowski, Judicial Educator & Senior Mediator
- (2) 11.30 am *"Saying it Clearly and Plainly in Writing"*  
Presenter: Mr Michael Wall, Professional Editor
- (3) 12.15 pm *"Personal Data and Decisions in the Age of the Internet"*  
Presenter: Megan O'Brien, Churchill Fellow; Caselaw Business Analyst, NSW Department of Justice and Attorney General
- 12.45 pm **LUNCH**
- 1.30 – 2.45 pm **Session 2: Appeal Proofing Your Decisions**  
*Session Chair:* Magistrate Nancy Hennessy, Deputy President, Administrative Decisions Tribunal of NSW.  
*Panel:* Justice Stephen Rothman AM, Judge of Supreme Court of NSW; Dr John Griffiths SC, Barrister; and Ms Anne Britton, Senior Member, Commonwealth Administrative Appeals Tribunal.
- (5 MINUTE BREAK)
- 2.50– 3.50 pm **Session 3: Handling Complaints about the Conduct of Members**  
*Panel:* Mr Denis O'Brien, Principal Member, Commonwealth Migration and Refugee Review Tribunals; Judge Greg Keating, President, NSW Workers Compensation Commission; Ms Di Robinson, President, Guardianship Tribunal of NSW.
- 3.50 pm **CLOSING REMARKS**  
Judge Kevin O'Connor, AM, Chapter Convenor

FOLLOWED BY REFRESHMENTS

Mandatory Continuing Legal Education/Continuing Professional Development Information.  
NSW Law Society. If this particular educational activity is relevant to your legal practice you may claim up to one unit for each hour of attendance, excluding refreshment breaks.  
NSW Bar. The NSW Bar Association has accredited the Annual Conference with 1 CPD point per hour (excluding breaks) with a maximum of 5 CPD points to be claimed.

## Annual conference and subscription

Please enclose a cheque for \$250 payable to COAT NSW Chapter Inc. This is the total cost to attendees and includes conference registration and the 2010/2011 annual membership subscription

- 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)
- 3 I consent to being included on a list of persons registered for the conference

## Annual subscription only

Please enclose a cheque for \$30 payable to COAT NSW Chapter Inc.

- 4 I cannot attend the COAT NSW Chapter annual conference but wish to renew my annual subscription
- 5 I cannot attend the COAT NSW Chapter annual conference but wish to join the chapter (see point 3 below)

### IMPORTANT

- 1) Send this form and your cheque to Secretary COAT NSW Inc., PO Box 268 Darlinghurst, 1300 as soon as possible as seating is limited for the Conference.
- 2) Please keep a copy of this form for your records and income tax purposes. COAT NSW Chapter Inc has obtained tax exempt status and does not therefore issue tax invoices
- 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
- 4) If you are not sure whether or not you are a member of COAT NSW Chapter, or you need assistance please ring Robert Quickenden or Ashleigh Adamo on 02 9223 8088

*Please write legibly*

Surname .....		First name(s) .....	
Current address .....			
Tribunal(s) if applicable .....			
Suburb .....		State .....	Post Code .....
Phone .....		Email .....	

Office use only	<input type="checkbox"/>	Membership details confirmed	Payment received date	<input style="width: 90%;" type="text"/>
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# Membership application form (to June 2011)

Please keep a copy of this application form for your records before you send it to:  
 Secretary, COAT NSW Chapter Inc. PO Box 268, Darlinghurst, 1300

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 tribunal(s):
- I am NOT a member of, or otherwise employed by a tribunal

Signature ..... / ..... / 2010

I, .....	Signature	..... / ..... / 2010
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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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