

# ALLA NATIONAL CONFERENCE

## Working in the Public Interest?

Canberra, 16–17 November 2012



## Call for Papers

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The Australian Labour Law Association is pleased to announce that its 6th Biennial Conference will be held in Canberra on Friday 16 and Saturday 17 November 2012. The conference will run all day on the Friday, with a dinner that night, then conclude at lunchtime on the Saturday. The venue is the Rydges Lakeside Hotel, conveniently located in the heart of Canberra.

Appropriately given its location in our national capital, the theme for the conference is ‘working in the public interest’. The public interest has always been a central theme in Australian labour law, and recent disputes involving QANTAS and Victorian public hospital nurses have served to highlight the impact that our labour laws have, not only on the direct workplace participants but the community more broadly. Debates concerning the content of our labour laws and the interests which they should protect continue to be played out, most recently in the Fair Work Act review process.

**The conference is presented with the support of the ANU College of Law**

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ALLA invites practitioners, judges, tribunal members, administrators and academics to submit papers for presentation on the conference theme, or any other areas of labour law. Without wishing to constrain presenters, ALLA is especially interested in papers that look at one or more of the following topics:

- > The Fair Work bargaining system and the role of tribunals;
- > Public sector employment law;
- > Recent attempts to consolidate Commonwealth discrimination laws
- > NES and Minimum standards;
- > The regulators and their role in enforcing workplace laws;
- > Individual employment rights; and
- > The new (and largely harmonized) occupational health and safety laws.

Submissions should include the name, title and affiliation of the author(s), a short biography and an abstract of no more than 250 words. Please email them by 4 June 2012 to the conference organisers at [coast@law.anu.edu.au](mailto:coast@law.anu.edu.au).

### **DEADLINES/IMPORTANT DATES**

- > Submission of abstracts: 4 June 2012
- > Notification of outcome to authors: 6 July 2012
- > Final paper submission: 2 November 2012

### **PHILLIPA WEEKS PRIZE**

This prize recognises the contribution of Professor Phillipa Weeks to Australian labour law scholarship and her unswerving support of young and upcoming scholars. It is awarded at each ALLA National Conference for the best paper presented by an emerging scholar. Any person contributing a paper by the deadline for the submission of papers will be eligible, unless they hold the academic post of Associate Professor, Professor or an honorary professorial position.

### **Contact Conference Organisers**

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