



Common Law v Human Rights: which better protects our freedoms?

Featuring Panelists:

Justice Carmel McLure
President
Court of Appeal of Western Australia

Kanaga Dharmananda SC
Barrister
Francis Burt Chambers

Mary Anne Kenny
Chair, Law Reform Commission of Western Australia;
Associate Professor, Murdoch University

Dr John Cameron
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chaired by Stephen Keim SC
Barrister, Higgins Chambers (Brisbane);
President, Australian Lawyers for Human Rights
5.15 pm (5.30pm start) – 7.00pm, Thursday 9 June 2011

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Level 37, QV1, 250 St Georges Terrace

Drinks and canapés provided following the seminar.

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Places are strictly limited and attendance will be by registration only.

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What is the best way to protect our freedoms in Australia? Both the common law and human rights protect our freedoms in their own distinct ways. Sometimes these approaches complement each other, and sometimes they conflict. The five speakers, with varying backgrounds and perspectives, will provide an interesting discussion on the merits, pitfalls and synergies of both approaches in Australia, ranging over issues such as interaction with legislation; retroactivity; the role of corporations; Commonwealth-State relations; specificity of remedies; group rights; State or third party violations; institutional strengths; and interaction with the executive. The seminar will provide a practical discussion of how common law and human rights operate in protecting freedoms in Australia.

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