### Legal Update Conference

**Friday 9th October 2015  8.55am – 4.00pm**

**Venue:** NSW Parliament House, Macquarie Street, Sydney

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About the presenter: Annabelle Daniel has been a professional in the field of family separation for 15 years, working in private enterprise, Federal government and the community sector. Prior to joining WCS as Chief Executive Officer, she held an Operations leadership position in the Department of Human Services, overseeing the Child Support programme. A key role in Annabelle’s career was the Manager of Elsie, Australia’s longest-established women’s shelter, providing services and support to women and children experiencing homelessness and escaping domestic violence. Annabelle trained as a lawyer and has extensive experience in administrative decision making for Federal departments. She investigated and resolved complex complaints and conducted “own motion” investigations for the Commonwealth Ombudsman. Annabelle has also held a number of board positions in charitable and not-for-profit organisations in diverse fields including community development, fundraising and the arts. |
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<td>Native Title and the Role of the National Native Title Tribunal</td>
<td>Rob Powrie, Practice Director – National Native Title Tribunal</td>
<td>This session will look at the history and key elements of native title with references to relevant case law. How it operates in NSW including its interaction with the NSW Aboriginal Land Rights Act 1983 will be covered, as well as the key elements of the Native title Act 1993 (Cth) including the future acts regime. In this context Rob will then outline the statutory functions of the National Native Title Tribunal and the role it plays in assisting the native title and future act process. About the presenter: Rob Powrie has been admitted as a solicitor for over 28 years. Rob spent the first 17 years in private practice before moving to the Australian Government Solicitor’s office in Canberra in 2004. Whilst there Rob was seconded to ATSIC, as it then was, and was acting General Counsel. Rob left ATSIC when it was wound up and in June 2006 commenced with the Kimberley Land Council as the Principal Legal Officer. He was employed there for 4 1/2 years before returning to Canberra to set up his own consultancy business. Rob conducted this business and undertook exclusively Native Title work. This resulted in a large number of full time consultations including with 2 Representative Bodies as acting Principal Legal Officer and AIATSIS as Director of Research in the Native Title Unit. In July 2015 Robert was appointed as one of two Practice Directors within the National Native Title Tribunal (NNTT). This position supervises the operations of the NNTT and ensures that its statutory functions are complied with and stakeholder expectations are met. The Tribunal plays an integral part in the Native Title process.</td>
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<td>Resolving Disputes with the State: The Role of the Commonwealth Ombudsman</td>
<td>Mr Rodney Lee Walsh, Senior Assistant Commonwealth Ombudsman</td>
<td>The Commonwealth Ombudsman has wide powers to investigate complaints about the administrative actions and decisions of Australian Government agencies to see if they are wrong, unlawful or discriminatory. Rodney will explain how the Commonwealth Ombudsman safeguards the community in its dealings with Australian Government agencies. About the presenter: Rodney Lee Walsh is the Senior Assistant Commonwealth Ombudsman. He has held various roles with the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations. Rodney works in the Justice, Finance and Territories branch of the Commonwealth Ombudsman’s office.</td>
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<td>The new Bail Act</td>
<td>Nick Clark, Chief Executive Officer - Rule of Law Institute of Australia</td>
<td>A new Bail Act was introduced in NSW in 2013. The previous bail Act 1978 (NSW) had become complex and laden with many different special circumstances as well as complex presumptions for and against bail. The new Bail Act 2013 (NSW) was introduced after significant consultation with all stakeholders. It simplified the process of bail decisions by introducing the unacceptable risk test to be considered among other bail concerns. Following decisions to grant bail in a number of cases which caused controversy in the media and a review by a former Attorney General, the NSW Government amended the Bail Act 2013 requiring the accused to ‘show cause’ as to why they should not be imprisoned prior to any determination of unacceptable risk. The amendments to the Bail Act 2013 also removed the presumption of innocence from the text of the Act to the preamble of the Act. Jackie and Nick will outline these changes and discuss a number of recent bail decisions by the NSW Supreme Court which require an accused to ‘show cause’ as why they should not be imprisoned. About the presenter: Nick Clark is the Chief Executive Officer for the Rule of Law Institute of Australia (RoLIA). He is a secondary teacher who started out teaching English and History but was drawn to Legal Studies and the social sciences, and joined the RoLIA staff in early 2012. He is passionate about access to justice and making resources that help students at all levels understand the law.</td>
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<td>Using Non-Legal Mechanisms to Achieve Justice for Victims</td>
<td>Howard Brown, OAM, Vice – President - Victims of Crime Assistance League (VOCAL)</td>
<td>To what extent does the law balance the rights of victims, offenders and society? Howard will look at the genesis of victim support organisations. The lobbying of Government to change the law such as the removal of the unsworn statement from the dock, change to “Diminished Responsibility”, the use of Victim Impact Statements, restorative justice and the introduction of Standard Non Parole Periods will also be covered. VOCAL also performs the important role of Court Support and Howard will share his experiences in this area. About the presenter: Howard Brown is a 60-year-old failed legal student who after studying Law for six years found himself unable to pass the subject of Taxation. He then became a Private Investigator and was working as same in 1988 when one of his friends was murdered. It was at this point that Howard realised that what he had learned at Law School was not really accurate and that there was no real protection for Victims of Crime. Howard attended the inaugural meeting of VOCAL and became a member and went straight onto the committee, in 1989. After that he then established the Sydney arm of the Victims of Crime Assistance League (Vocal) in 1991. Currently Howard is Vice-President of VOCAL and a Life Member. He has held the positions of President and Vice-President of Vocal Hunter. He is a member of the Victims Advisory Board, Sentencing Council, and the DNA Review Panel and provides assistance to Homicide Victims Support Group. Enough is Enough, Mission Australia, Stacsa (Stand Together against Sexual Abuse) Gunnedah and Homicide Victims Association. He is a Victims Advocate for Victims of Crime before the Mental Health Review Tribunal and NSW Parole Authority. He is engaged in restorative justice programs through The Department of Juvenile Justice, was involved as a Victims representative in the trial of the Forum Sentencing Scheme out of Liverpool Court and is now also working with Burwood Court as the rollout of Forum Sentencing is extended to that court. He is also involved in support work through the restorative Justice Unit of the NSW Department of Corrective Services. Howard was awarded the Order of Australia Medal in June of 2004 for his work with Victims of Crime. He was invested as an Honorary fellow of the University Of New South Wales in March of 2011, in recognition for his work in the law and support of the University and its students.</td>
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