Law and the Media
The Australian First Amendment?

8 November 2019 | Radisson Blu Plaza Sydney

SPEAKERS INCLUDE:

Senator Rex Patrick, Centre Alliance, Senator for South Australia
Peter Wilkinson, Chair, Alliance for Journalists’ Freedom
Professor Peter Greste, Director, Alliance for Journalists’ Freedom
Paul Murphy, CEO, MEAA
Christopher Flynn, Partner, Gilbert + Tobin & Advisor, Alliance for Journalists’ Freedom
Daniel Bastard, Head of Asia Pacific Desk, Reporters Without Borders (RSF) Paris, France
Serena Lilywhite, CEO, Transparency International Australia
Justin Quill, Principal Lawyer, Litigation and Dispute Resolution, Macpherson Kelley
Jake Blundell, Senior Associate, Banki Haddock Fiori
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Professor David Rolph, The University of Sydney Law School
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| 8:50  | OPENING | Welcome from the Chair of proceedings  
Peter Wilkinson, Chair, Alliance for Journalists’ Freedom |
| 9:00  | OPENING ADDRESS  
Senator Rex Patrick, Centre Alliance, Senator for South Australia |
| 9:30  | What should Australia's equivalent to the US' 1st Amendment be and why?  
Professor Peter Greste, Director, Alliance for Journalists' Freedom |
| 9:50  | OPENING DISCUSSION  
A Media Freedom Act – achieving the balance  
The opening discussion will examine the need for a Media Freedom Act to re-balance Australia’s national security, data encryption, defamation, whistleblowing and suppression order legislation to ensure journalists engaged in legitimate work are protected along with their sources.  
Professor Peter Greste, Director, Alliance for Journalists’ Freedom  
Paul Murphy, CEO, MEAA  
Dr Rebecca Ananian-Welsh, Senior Lecturer, TC Beirne School of Law, The University of Queensland  
Christopher Flynn, Partner, Gilbert + Tobin & Advisor, Alliance for Journalists’ Freedom |
| 10:50 | Networking and refreshment break |
| 11:15 | INTERNATIONAL KEYNOTE  
Protecting journalists and confidential media sources  
Daniel Bastard, Head of Asia Pacific Desk Reporters Without Borders (RSF) Paris, France |
| 11:45 | ROUNDTABLE  
The ‘chilling effect’  
The recent AFP raids on Australian journalists and other recent high-profile cases will impact not only on journalists but future whistleblowers. What should be enshrined in our constitution to ensure we protect those brave enough to report and speak up?  
Daniel Bastard, Head of Asia Pacific Desk Reporters Without Borders (RSF)  
Serena Lilywhite, CEO, Desk Reporters Without Borders  
Serena Lilywhite, CEO, Transparency International Australia  
Moderator: Peter Wilkinson, Chair, Alliance for Journalists’ Freedom |
| 12:30 | Lunch and networking break |
| 13:15 | Public interest disclosure  
Justin Quill, Principal Lawyer, Litigation and Dispute Resolution, Macpherson Kelley |
| 13:40 | ROUNDTABLE  
Suppression orders in Australia  
Media reporting can result in “prejudicial publicity”, undermining the neutrality of the jury system, which in turn can undermine the integrity of a conviction. Social media has further exacerbated this problem especially in extremely high-profile cases. We examine recent suppression orders and their use in Australia and the way towards greater transparency and justice.  
Justin Quill, Principal Lawyer, Litigation and Dispute Resolution, Macpherson Kelley  
Jake Blundell, Senior Associate, Banki Haddock Fiori  
David Sitbain, Barrister, Level 22 Chambers |
| 13:40 | Networking and refreshment break |
| 14:30 | Non publication orders and back to back trials  
Daid Sitbain, Barrister, Level 22 Chambers |
| 15:00 | Networking and refreshment break |
| 15:30 | INSIGHTS  
Defamation law reform – getting the balance right  
Professor David Rolph, The University of Sydney Law School |
| 16:00 | ROUNDTABLE  
Defamation law in the digital age  
With recent cases significantly highlighting the shortcomings of current defamation law in keeping up with the technological pace we look at why the law may need to adapt to keep up with the complex digital and global economy.  
Ryan Shelley, Social Media expert specialising in advising Professional Service Firms across Law, Finance, Accounting and Real Estate  
Sunita Bose, Managing Director, DIGI  
David Vaile, Allens Hub for Law, Technology & Innovation, Faculty of Law, UNSW Australia  
Ryan Shelley, Social Media expert specialising in advising Professional Service Firms across Law, Finance, Accounting and Real Estate  
Moderator: Dr Daniel Joyce, Senior Lecturer, UNSW Law and Researcher with the Allens Hub for Technology, Law & Innovation |
| 17:00 | Closing remarks by Chair |
| 17:15 | Close of conference / networking drinks  
About the event

At the inaugural Law and the Media Conference in Sydney we will discuss the way forward to re-balance Australia’s national security, data encryption, defamation, whistleblowing and suppression order legislation. We highlight why journalists engaged in legitimate work should be protected along with their sources.

Many ask does Australia need the equivalent of a First Amendment? We will open dialogue on what needs to be in place to better protect press freedom whilst looking closely at recent cases that have highlighted the need to reform defamation law.

The complex global digital economy is challenging policy makers internationally and we will examine why these unprecedented times are shaping the future of law around media activity.

Please join us in Sydney on November the 8th at the Radisson Blu Plaza to discuss press freedom, freedom of speech and much more.

This event will feature an address from Senator Rex Patrick and a keynote address from Reporters Without Borders’ (RSF), Daniel Bastard.

Senator Rex Patrick
Centre Alliance, Senator for South Australia

Daniel Bastard
Head of Asia Pacific, Desk Reporters Without Borders (RSF) Paris, France

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