

AUSTRALIA'S RIGHT TO KNOW

Freedom of Speech Conference

Tuesday, March 24, 2009 | Sofitel Sydney Wentworth

Please note this is a draft program and subject to change

- 8.30am** **Registration** (Refreshments served from 8.00am)
- 9.00am** **Introduction**
Host **Helen Dalley**, *Sky News*
- 9.05am** **Australia's Right to Know/Welcome (5 mins)**
John Hartigan, chairman and CEO, *News Limited*
- 9.10am** **Introduction (15 mins)**
Mark Scott, managing director, *ABC*
- 9.25am** **Keynote speaker (30 mins)**
The Hon. Justice Ron Sackville AO, Supreme Court
- 10.00am** **The free speech situation (30 mins)**
Chris Warren, Federal Secretary,
Media Arts and Entertainment Alliance
- 10.30am** **Morning Tea**
- 11.00am** **The Federal Government's draft reforms on Freedom of Information**
Senator John Faulkner, Special Minister of State, Cabinet Secretary and Vice-President of the Executive Council
- 11.30am** **Debate on FoI: How much should governments tell us and do we have a right to more?**
Moderated by **Tony Jones** of *ABC's Lateline*, Q&A-style
- Panel:
Lynelle Briggs, Public Service Commissioner
Mark Dreyfus QC, MP, chair of the House of Representatives Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee
Arthur Sinodinas, Regional General Manager, Business and Private Banking, *NAB*. Previously Chief of Staff to former PM John Howard
Paul Kelly, Editor-at-Large, *The Australian*
Senator George Brandis SC, Shadow Attorney-General
Michael McKinnon, Freedom of Information Editor, *Seven Network*
Matthew Moore, Freedom of Information Editor, *Sydney Morning Herald*

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- 1.00pm** **Lunch**
- 2.00pm** **Privacy, defamation and the right to know**
Robert Todd, Partner, *Blake Dawson*
- 2.45pm** **Privacy Debate**
- Panel:
Robert Todd, Partner, *Blake Dawson*
Gail Hambly, Group General Counsel & Company Secretary, *Fairfax Media group*
David Penberthy, former editor, *The Daily Telegraph*
Peter Meakin, Director News & Current Affairs, *Seven Network*
(Other panellists to be confirmed)
- 3.30pm** **Afternoon tea**
- 4.00pm** **The human cost of whistleblowing (20 mins)**
Speaker to be confirmed
- 4.20pm** **Debate: (30 mins)**
Do whistleblowers have enough protection? Do journalists?
- Moderator: **Helen Dalley** of *Sky News*
Panel:
Mark Dreyfus QC, MP, chair of the House of Representatives Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee
Laurie Oakes, political commentator, *Nine Network*
Paul Whittaker, editor, *The Australian*
Professor AJ Brown, *Griffith University*
(Other panellists to be confirmed)
- 4.50pm** **Overview of the day (10 mins)**
Paul Kelly, Editor-at-Large, *The Australian*
- 5.00pm** **Close**