

# 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**