Dispute Resolution Board Foundation (DRBF) and its Australasian Chapter, the Dispute Resolution Board Australasia (DRBA) invite you to the 12th DRBF International Annual Conference in Sydney from 3 – 5 May 2012.

**Theme**

In the last two decades, the Dispute Board (DB) process has emerged as a highly effective means of avoiding and resolving disputes in major construction and commercial projects, as well as improving outcomes in terms of delivery time and out-turn cost. The value of Australian and New Zealand DB projects, completed or underway, is now approaching $10 billion.

**Program and Social Functions**

Hosted for the first time in Australia, the conference will focus on the innovation of DBs and the experience and lessons learnt by practitioners operating across a number of different cultures and legal systems from around the world, bringing together speakers and delegates from Australia, New Zealand, Europe, North and South America, Asia, the Middle East and Africa. Guest speakers include: *the Hon Nick Greiner AC*, Chairman of Infrastructure NSW; *the Hon RJL (Bob) Hawke AC*, Prime Ministers of Australia (1983 – 1991) and Geoff French, FIDIC President and Managing Director, URS Scott Wilson.

An optional one day training workshop preceding the conference will introduce those interested in becoming involved with DBs (including owners, contract drafters and potential DB panel members) to industry best methods and practice.

A number of social functions have been organised for delegates and partners including a *Welcome Cocktail Reception* at the Star Room in Darling Harbour and a *Networking Drinks Reception* at Clayton Utz’s stunning, new premises in Sydney’s first high rise six-star Green Star office building, 1 Bligh Street, Sydney. The *Conference Gala Dinner* will be held at one of Australia’s leading cultural institutions, the Art Gallery of New South Wales.

**Venue and Accommodation**

The conference will be held at the Dockside Conference Centre, a stunning, modern venue affording panoramic views of Cockle Bay Wharf and Darling Harbour. Located just minutes from Sydney’s Central Business District, the area is one of the world’s great waterfront destinations and one of Australia’s major attractions.

Discount arrangements for delegates’ accommodation have been negotiated with the award-winning international hotel, Four Points by Sheraton. Overlooking Darling Harbour, Australia’s largest hotel is a short walk from the conference venue and Sydney’s major entertainment and shopping districts including Pitt Street Mall, Queen Victoria Building and Chinatown. To obtain the benefit of the discount rates, reservations must be made at [www.starwoodmeeting.com/Book/drbf1](http://www.starwoodmeeting.com/Book/drbf1)

**Why you should attend**

Supported by global associations and affiliates, the conference offers a high end networking and marketing opportunity for delegates and sponsors. You will hear from global leaders and decision makers; gain up to date insights on leading edge issues; earn Continuing Professional Development (CPD) points and receive special offers and discounts. After the Sydney conference, delegates can also attend the Society of Construction Law Australia conference in Melbourne from 6 – 8 May 2012. [www.constructionlaw2012.com](http://www.constructionlaw2012.com)

**About the DRBF and the DRBA**

The Dispute Resolution Board Foundation (DRBF) is the global membership organisation dedicated to promoting the use of the DB concepts internationally. DRBA (Dispute Resolution Board Australasia Inc (DRBA) promotes the use of the DB method on major projects in Australia and New Zealand.

**An event not to be missed!**

**PROGRAM**  
Dockside Conference Centre  
Darling Harbour

### DAY 1 – THURSDAY 3 MAY 2012

**DRB Advanced Training Workshop**  
Lessons learned – how can we do better?

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**Welcome Cocktail Reception**

1730 – 2000  
Star Room, Darling Harbour

**Networking Cocktail Reception**

1815 – 2045  
Clayton Utz, Level 15, 1 Bligh Street

**Gala Dinner**

1830 – 2230  
Art Gallery of NSW
SPEAKERS

Confirmed Chairpersons and Panellists (as of 13 March 2012)

- **Romano Allione** Engineer & Project Management Consultant & Member of DRBF Board of Directors (Italy)
- **Richard Appuhn** Consulting Engineer, DRBF Region 2 President (Italy/USA)
- **Ian Briggs** Partner & Head of National Construction Engineering & Infrastructure, Minter Ellison (Australia)
- **Roger L Brown** Managing Partner, R Brown Consulting Group LLC & President Elect, DRBF Executive Board of Directors (USA)
- **Gerlando Butera** Arbitrator, Mediator and Partner, Construction Group, Nabarro LLP (UK)
- **Peter H J Chapman** Chartered Arbitrator, Chartered Civil Engineer and Barrister-at-Law (UK)
- **Dr Donald Charrett** Barrister, Melbourne TEC Chambers and Chairman, AMOG Consulting (Australia)
- **John Cooper** Partner, Allens Arthur Robinson, Construction and Infrastructure Law Specialist (Australia)
- **Amanda Davidson** Partner & Head of Construction & Infrastructure (Sydney), Holding Redlich (Australia)
- **Graham Easton** Consulting Engineer, Lawyer, Chartered Arbitrator & Mediator (Australia)
- **Ferdinand Fourie** Lawyer, Engineering and Corporate Director – Contract and Claims Administration, Kiewit Corporation (USA)
- **Ron Finlay** Lawyer and Chief Executive, Finlay Consulting (Australia)
- **Dr Paula Gerber** Associate Professor Monash University Law School (Australia)
- **George H Golvan QC** Queen’s Counsel, Victorian Bar (Australia)
- **Andy Griffiths** Director and Exco Member, Consulting Engineers Goba Pty Ltd, Vice Chair, ICE-SA and DRBF Country Representative (South Africa)
- **Dr Götz-Sebastian Hök** Lawyer, arbitrator, adjudicator, Past Chairman of Eurojuris Commission International Litigation, FIDIC Legal advisor and Partner, Dr. Hök, Stiegmeier & Kollegen (Germany)
- **Gordon L Jaynes** Attorney at Law, Consultant to World Bank and Chair, MDB Liaison Committee (UK)
- **Volker Jurowich** DRBF President and Contracts Consultant (Germany)
- **Richard A Kell AM** Consulting Engineer and Director of Cardno International Pty Ltd (Australia)
- **Kerry C Lawrence** Partner, Herrig & Vogt LLP and DRBF Representative on National Construction Dispute Resolution Committee (USA)

- **Chris Lock** Deputy Director General of the Transport Projects Division, Transport for NSW (Australia)
- **Deborah Mastin** Assistant Broward County Attorney in Ft Lauderdale and President Elect, DRBF Region 1 Board of Directors (USA)
- **Harold V McKittrick** DRBF Past President, Engineer, Contractor, Arbiter and Mediator (USA)
- **Alan McLennan** Specialist Consultant in Relationship Contracting (Australia)
- **Aisha Nadar** Member of FIDIC Update Task Group and Research Fellow, Construction Contracts and Dispute Resolution at Queen Mary, University of London (USA & UK)
- **Professor Dr Toshikomo Omoto** Construction Management Consultant & Professor at the Graduate School of Management (MBA), Kyoto University (Japan)
- **GRAEME PECK** Consulting Construction Engineer and Co-founder Evans & Peck (Australia)
- **James Perry** Partner, PS Consulting (Contracts and Dispute Management), Counsel, Francois & Associates and Member, DRBF Board of Directors Region 2 (France)
- **Robert Regan** Partner & Head of Projects, Energy & Resources teams, Corrs Chambers Westgarth Lawyers (Australia)
- **Ian Robertson** Managing Partner (Sydney) Holding Redlich (Australia)
- **John Sharkey AM** Consultant, Norton Rose (Australia)
- **Derek Skinner** General Manager (Major Infrastructure Projects) Department of Transport and Main Roads Queensland State Government (Australia)
- **Tim Sullivan** Director of Contract Administration Group P/L (Australia)
- **Paul Taggart** Partner, Construction Contract Service LLP, President Elect DRBF Region 2, Independent Contract and DR Consultant (Scotland, UK)
- **John Tyrrell** Solicitor, Architect, Arbitrator, Mediator and Director, John Tyrrell + Associates Pty Ltd (Australia)
- **Barry Tozer** Consulting Construction Engineer, Arbitrator, Adjudicator and Mediator (Australia)
- **Colin J Wall** Chartered Arbitrator and Accredited Mediator (Hong Kong)
- **Michael Weatherall** Partner & Head of Construction Law Team, Simpson Grierson (New Zealand)
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