The ACT Human Rights and Discrimination Commissioner and the ANU Centre for International Governance and Justice present a conference on:

## Ten Years of the ACT Human Rights Act

**Continuing the Dialogue** 

Venue: Lecture Theatre 1, Hedley Bull Building, ANU
1 July 2014







## **Conference Program**

| Session 1             |  |   |
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| 9:30                  | Welcome to Country   | Violet Sheridan   |
| 9:40-9:50             | Introduction   | Professor Hilary Charlesworth Centre for International Governance and Justice ANU |
| 9:50-11:00            | Reflections on the history of the Human Rights Act                   | Jon Stanhope<br>former ACT Chief Minister   |
|                       | Comments   | Dr Helen Watchirs<br>Human Rights and Discrimination<br>Commissioner              |
| 11:00-11:30           | Morning Tea  |   |
| Session 2             |  |   |
| 11:30-12:45           | The legislature and the Human Rights Act                             | Simon Corbell MLA<br>ACT Attorney-General   |
|                       |  | Professor Andrew Byrnes<br>UNSW   |
| 12:45-1:45            | Lunch  |   |
| Session 3             |  |   |
| 1:45-3:30             | The impact of the Human Rights Act in the community                  | Heidi Yates<br>Women's Legal Centre   |
|                       | The impact of the Human Rights Act on other Australian jurisdictions | Professor Jeremy Gans University of Melbourne                                     |
|                       | The challenges of human rights law reform                            | Professor Simon Rice<br>ANU   |
| 3:30-4:00             | Coffee   |   |
| Session 4             |  |   |
| 4:00-4:35             | The judiciary and the Human Rights Act                               | Chief Justice Helen Murrell ACT Supreme Court                                     |
|                       | Comments   | Noor Blumer<br>former President of the ACT Law<br>Society                         |
| 4:35-4:45             | Concluding comments  | Dr Helen Watchirs   |
| 4:45 Conference Close |  |   |

Attendees will be able to claim 1 CPD unit for every hour of sessions (up to a total of 4 hours) under Core Area 3 - Professional Skills

There is no charge for attending this conference, but registration is essential as places are limited. Please send your name, any affiliation, contact details and any dietary restrictions to Ms Nicci Coad at:

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