



Construction Law Conference

Details

Date

Wednesday 12 June 2019

Time

9.00am to 4.00pm with drinks and canapés to follow

Registration from 8.15am

Venue

The Westin Sydney
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Sydney

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Format

Seminars are delivered in a relaxed environment, involving panel discussions, and short presentations followed by questions and answers.



Conference agenda

9.00am **Welcome**

Session 1 **Panel Discussion: Year in review**

Over the past 12 months there have been a number of significant legal developments relevant to the construction industry with respect to:

- major legislative reforms and recommendations related to Security of Payment and conflicting decisions of the Courts across Australia in relation to insolvency events;
- the emergence of the NEC contract in Australia;
- clarity with respect to the strict adherence to form when issuing contractual notices;
- the refusal of the Rocky Hill project and how this will impact the broader NSW resources sector; and
- the endorsement of collaborative contracting by the NSW State Government and how these Model Procurement Rules will be applied to future projects.

Our panel will discuss how these developments have impacted, and will continue to affect industry stakeholders. We will explore the practical effects of the key recent cases and legislative changes.

Session 2 **Panel Discussion: Big Data, AI and the Construction Industry - Opportunities and Risks**

An increasing number of projects are adopting innovation to better collect, analyse and harness their data with a view to driving smarter project management, safety and other processes. The construction and infrastructure sector has been an intelligent early adopter of technologies such as "The Internet of Things" and predictive analytics, and has leveraged these to enhance the delivery of significant projects in Australia and abroad. This session will explore the opportunities presented by such technologies while also addressing associated risks and challenges, particularly from a data governance and privacy perspective.

10.40am

Morning Tea

Session 3

Paper: Security of Payment

Security of Payment in the construction industry has always been an issue that has been hotly debated. In this session led by our Claims Team, we will outline the current state of affairs with respect to:

- the Commonwealth Government's Murray Review and its recommendations for Security of Payment;
 - insights into the operation of the Security of Payments Act (SOPA) within industry;
 - the recent amendments with respect to SOPA in New South Wales and some of the commonly encountered 'traps' to look out for;
 - some suggested amendments to contracts to deal with SOPA; and
 - systems that your organisation should be employing so as to avoid missing key dates.
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Session 4

Workshop: Security of Payment

Following on from the previous session this interactive session will work through a hypothetical SOPA problem in groups.

With the introduction of the legislative reforms under SOPA, it will be imperative that industry participants have systems in place to deal with the new regime. Non-conformance will be costly and the ramifications severe.

The SOPA workshop will provide an opportunity for attendees to apply the knowledge they have gained regarding SOPA to a real-life practical example.

1.00pm

Lunch

Session 5

Paper: Risk and Collaboration in Industry – a practical approach

Participants in the Construction and Infrastructure sector are calling for increased collaboration on projects so as to better address risk allocation and minimise the instances of disputes. Understanding how collaboration can be achieved and the contract models that suit will have a significant bearing on the risk profile the respective parties adopt. This presentation will examine how collaboration can be achieved and how different contract models can support this.

Session 6

Panel Discussion: Industry update

The construction industry is never static and always adapting to address legislative developments, technological advancements and new market opportunities. During this session, our expert panel will discuss what they are seeing in the industry right now in terms of reactive change and opportunities for future innovation. You will hear from our experts who specialise in:

- Workplace Health & Safety;
 - Non-conforming building products and the recent legislative reforms;
 - Managing Insurance and Risk alongside the contractual framework; and
 - Managing defects liability under off-the-plan contracts in large scale real estate developments and recent trends.
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3.30pm

Q&A

4.00pm to
6.00pm

Networking - Food and beverage served in Heritage Ballroom Foyer

Our lead presenters will oversee the conference and ensure that our broader team of industry experts provides you with the tools you need to make the right decisions.



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