



**AUSTRALASIAN STUDY OF PARLIAMENT GROUP**  
TASMANIAN CHAPTER

**2017 Annual Conference, Parliament of Tasmania**  
27-29 September, Hobart, Tasmania

**FINAL PROGRAMME**

Day 1: 27 September 2017

TIME	EVENT
2.00pm-4.00pm	ASPG Executive Meeting
6.00pm-7.00pm	Welcome Reception <b>NB: Conference delegates need to be at Parliament House by 5.30 pm for departure to Government House</b>

NOTE: Conference Registration Opens from 4.00 pm outside the Long Room, Parliament House

Day 2: 28 September 2017

TIME	EVENT
8.30am-9.00am	Registration, tea & coffee
9.00am-9.15am	Aboriginal Welcome
9.15am-9.45am	Official Opening (The Speaker and the President of ASPG)
9.45am-10.30am	<b>Session 1: Inclusive Parliament – Rethinking conventional engagement strategies to give minorities a voice</b>  <b>Chair: Dr Isla McPhail, Sergeant-at-Arms, Legislative Assembly, Western Australia</b>  David Gibson, former Member of the Queensland Parliament and Chair of the Board for Deaf Services Queensland: <i>Seen but not heard – Deaf and Democracy in Australia;</i>

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	Yonita Tuia, Manager Community Relations, Parliament of Samoa: <i>Educating the public and new ways to engage the public about the Parliament.</i>
10.30 am to 11.00 am	<b>Morning Tea</b>
11.00am – 12:15 pm	<p><b>Session 2: Inclusive Parliament – Engaging the Millennials</b></p> <p><b>Chair: Shane Donnelly, Clerk of the House of Assembly, Tasmania</b></p> <p>Kimbra McCormack, Parliamentary Educator, Tasmanian House of Assembly: <i>'Where does Malcolm Turnbull sit?' – The story behind establishing a parliamentary education office.</i></p> <p>Bridget Noonan, Deputy Clerk, Legislative Assembly of Victoria: <i>"Democracy for Millennials".</i></p> <p>Chansey Paech, Member for Namatjira and Deputy Speaker and Sean O'Connor, Clerk Assistant Chamber and Serjeant at Arms, Legislative Assembly of Northern Territory, <i>Can modern media make Parliaments more attractive to engage a high-tech generation?</i></p>
12.15 pm to 1.00 pm	<p><b>Session 3: Westminster revisited – Parliament and the courts and Heads of State</b></p> <p><b>Chair: Adjunct Professor Colleen Lewis, President of the ASPG</b></p> <p>Carren Walker, Assistant Parliamentary Counsel, South Australia: <i>Parliamentary Privilege and the common law of Parliament – can MPs say what they want and get away with it?</i></p> <p>Professor Richard Herr, Faculty of Law, University of Tasmania: <i>Head of State – Parliament Relations: Bagehot and the Echoes of Empire.</i></p>
1:00pm – 2.15pm	Lunch
1.30pm – 2.15pm	Optional Tour of Parliament
2.15pm – 4.00pm	<p><b>Session 4: Westminster revisited – the Executive's relationship with the other branches of Government</b></p> <p><b>Chair: Lesley Ferguson, New Zealand and current Vice-President of the ASPG</b></p> <p>Beverley Duffy, Clerk-Assistant-Committees and Sharon Ohnesorge, A/Director-Committees, NSW Legislative Council: <i>'Evading scrutiny? Orders for papers and access to cabinet information by the NSW Legislative Council'</i></p> <p>Dr John Alvey, Research Assistant, University of Queensland Business School: <i>The separation of powers between the Executive and the Judiciary.</i></p>

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	Alex Hickman, Advisory Officer (Legal), Legislative Council of Western Australia: <i>The Parliament's relationship with the Executive: some recent examples from Western Australia.</i>
4.00pm-5.00pm	ASPG AGM
6.00pm – onwards	Conference Dinner – Parliament House

Day 3: 29 September 2017

TIME	EVENT
8.30am – 9.00am	Tea & coffee
9.00am – 10.45am	<p><b>Session 5: The People's Parliament – Is this in name only? Parliamentary Committees</b></p> <p><b>Chair: Hon. Mike Gaffney MLC, Tasmania</b></p> <p>Julia Agostino, Committee Secretary, Dr Andrew Gaczol, Acting Inquiry Secretary, and Dr Joshua Forkert, Inquiry Secretary, House of Representatives, Parliament of Australia: <i>Parliamentary Committees – building a bridge between Parliament and the public;</i></p> <p>Janine Freeman MLA, Parliament of Western Australia: <i>Establishment of a Legislative Committee of the Western Australian Legislative Assembly;</i></p> <p>Dr Dominique Dalla-Pozza, Lecturer, ANU College of Law: <i>Parliamentary Committees – people in the process or mere lip service?</i></p>
10.45am – 11.15am	<b>Morning tea (Conference Photograph)</b>
11.15am – 1.00pm	<p><b>Session 6: The People's Parliament: Changing Public Perceptions of the Parliamentary Institution and effective public engagement</b></p> <p><b>Chair: Shane Donnelly, Clerk of the House of Assembly, Tasmania</b></p> <p>Robert Nielsen, Director, Facilities Branch, Department of Parliament Services, NSW Parliament: <i>The People's Parliament in Today's International Security Environment</i></p> <p>Susan Want, Usher of the Black Rod, NSW Legislative Council and Brett Rodgers, Council Officer, Office of the Black Rod: <i>Effective Public Engagement;</i></p> <p>Peggy Danaee, Committee Secretary and Dr Ashley Stephens, Senior Research Officer, House of Representatives, Parliament of Australia: <i>Parliamentary Committees and social media engagement;</i></p> <p>Rebecca Burton, Executive Assistant to the Clerk of the Legislative Council, WA Parliament: <i>Have petitions had their day?</i></p>

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1.00pm – 2:00pm	Lunch
2.00pm- 3.30pm	<p><b>Session 7: Westminster revisited – the role and independence of Statutory Officers</b></p> <p><b>Chair: David Skinner, Director, ACT Legislative Assembly</b></p> <p>Adjunct Professor Peter Wilkins, John Curtin Institute of Public Policy, Curtin University: <i>Parliaments and their Watchdogs: The role of statutory reviews;</i></p> <p>Lesley Ferguson, New Zealand and current Vice-President of the ASPG, <i>The Parliament's role in maintaining the independence of Statutory Officers.</i></p> <p>Tanja Zech, A/Parliamentary Officer Table, NSW Legislative Assembly: <i>Statutory Officers and Parliamentary Vetos.</i></p>
3.30pm- 4.00pm	<p>Closing Address</p> <p>Cocktail Reception</p>