



# **Australasian Study of Parliament Group**

## **Annual Conference**

Parliament House, Queensland, Australia

18 – 20 July 2018



***Trust in Parliament in a post-truth world***

**Conference information**  
**Circular No 3 (February 2018 update)**



Hosted by the Queensland Parliament  
and the  
Queensland Chapter of the Australasian Study of Parliament Group

The purpose of this circular is to provide an update on the arrangements for the 2018 ASPG national Conference.

## 1 Conference outline

The theme of the conference is: ***Trust in Parliament in a post-truth world***

Over the past few years the long-term trend of declining trust in government institutions, business and the media, political parties and politicians has dominated the news cycle. The rise of populism threatens to upset the traditional status quo. This trend raises questions as to the authenticity and legitimacy of the institution of parliament in the modern media.

The conference theme seeks to challenge the dominant understandings of trust in our parliaments and explore the relationships, the tensions and the possibilities for transformation for parliaments and politicians alike.

## 2 Deadline for papers – extension!

The ASPG Queensland Chapter thanks all those who have submitted EOIs and abstracts by the requisite date of 2 February 2018. As many people have recently returned from their summer break, including members of parliament, the deadline has been extended to **16 February 2018**.

Persons interested in presenting a paper at the 2018 ASPG Conference need to provide an expression of interest and a short abstract by email to [ASPG-Q@parliament.qld.gov.au](mailto:ASPG-Q@parliament.qld.gov.au).

## 3 Registration

The registration form is located at the end of this circular.

For ASPG members the registration fee is AU \$400.00 (inclusive of GST) per delegate. Non-ASPG members' registration fee is \$420.00 (GST inclusive). Registration covers attendance at all the conference events including the conference dinner.

Additional guests for the conference dinner will cost \$130.00 per person.

ASPG-Q is offering full-time students the opportunity to attend all conference sessions for \$90 (not including the conference dinner).

## 4 Further information and assistance

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## 5 Program

<b>Draft Program</b>	
<b>Wednesday 18 July 2018</b>	
2.30pm – 4.30pm	ASPG Executive meeting
4.30pm – 5.30pm	Early registration
6.00pm – 7.30pm	Welcome reception
<b>Thursday 19 July 2018</b>	
8.30am – 9.00am	Arrival and registration
9.00am – 9.45am	Welcome and Official conference opening
9.45am – 10.45am	Opening keynote and session 1
	Morning tea
11.00am – 12.30am	Session 2
12.30am – 2.00pm	Lunch and Tour of the Parliament
2.00pm – 3.30pm	Session 3
4.00pm – 5.00pm	ASPG AGM
6.30pm	Conference dinner and silent auction
<b>Friday 20 July 2018</b>	
8.30am – 9.00am	Arrival and registration
9.00am – 10.30am	Session 4
	Morning tea and photograph
11.00am – 12.00pm	Session 5
12.00pm – 1.00pm	Lunch
1.30pm – 3.30pm	The Great Debate
3.30pm	Closing
3.45pm – 5.00pm	Farewell function

## 6 Accommodation

Conference attendees are welcome to stay wherever they wish, however, the Queensland Parliament has entered into arrangements with three hotels located nearby to provide ASPG conference attendees with a discounted room rate. Details of these three hotels are below.

### **Royal on the Park**

Corner of Alice and Albert Streets, Brisbane

<http://www.royalonthepark.com.au/>

The Royal on the Park is offering rooms for ASPG conference attendees a discount of 10% off the best available rate if delegates are booking directly with the hotel. A full buffet breakfast is available for an additional \$22 each morning.

The code to access the discounted rate is **GROUP10**. To book at the 'Royal on the Park', delegates should log onto the website and select reservations, then enter their travel dates and include the conference code.

Delegates should book their accommodation as early as possible as rooms are not being held and are available on a first booking basis to all persons.

### **The Sebel Quay West**

Corner Albert and Charlotte St, Brisbane

<http://www.thesebelbrisbane.com/>

Phone toll free from within Australia: 1 800 888 298 Phone (international): +61 7 3224 3500

[H8778@accor.com](mailto:H8778@accor.com)

The Sebel Quay West is offering ASPG delegates 10% off the best available rate of the day for 1 bed garden view apartments, 1 bed river view apartments and 2 bed, 2 bath apartments, for stays between 16 and 22 July 2018.

### **The Sebel Brisbane**

132 Alice Street, Brisbane

<http://www.accorhotels.com/gb/hotel-8783-quay-west-suites-brisbane/index.shtml>

Phone from within Australia and International: (07) 3853 6000

[H8783@accor.com](mailto:H8783@accor.com)

The Sebel Brisbane is offering guests attending the ASPG conference a 10% discount off the best unrestricted accommodation rate at the time of booking, for stays between 18 and 20 July 2018. Booking code: **QLDP0718**. The Sebel Brisbane will upgrade to a premium apartment with city views, full breakfast and a coffee made-to-order and welcome mineral water for an additional \$55 per night.

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**Queensland**  
**Wednesday 18 July – Friday 20 July 2018**

**CALL FOR PAPERS**

Over the past few years the long-term trend of declining trust in government institutions, business and the media, political parties and politicians has dominated the news cycle. The rise of populism threatens to upset the traditional status quo with discourse and debate. This trend raises questions as to the authenticity and legitimacy of the institution of parliament in a fake news era.

**The principal theme of the 2018 ASPG conference in Queensland is:**

***‘Trust in Parliament in a post-truth world’***

The conference theme seeks to challenge the dominant understandings of trust in our Parliaments and explore the relationships, the tensions and the possibilities for transformation. We are seeking papers and presentations that touch on, but are not restricted to, the following conference streams:

**INSTITUTIONAL TRUST**

In this stream, we want to focus on the importance of the institution of parliament and how it is at times unrecognised or undervalued. This stream looks at the powerful relationships between the parliament and its committees, political parties and lobbyists, as well as individual and community advocacy and the rise of online activism.

**POWER, TREATY AND TRUST**

History provides us with examples of the resilience of the Westminster parliamentary system to adapt to, or against, various upheavals. This stream looks to the contemporary situation with First Nations peoples and offers opportunities to explore how Parliaments have reconciled their past and embarked on new directions.

**BEHAVIOURAL TRUST**

Is there a need to bring about a change in attitudes and behaviours that are threatening trust in our parliaments? Looking at how we process information in a digital age, personal and positional leadership and communication styles of politicians, this stream could reach beyond current constructs to explore the potential for the parliament.

**POLICY TRUTH**

This stream focusses on policy implementation and how governments grapple with the expectation that their policies will be implemented on time, on budget and to expectations.

We will consider the increased pace of modern politics in an age of instant response, the greater ideological partisanship of political parties, or the increased complexity, and therefore fallibility, of government projects.

**BUILDING TRUST ACROSS DIVERSITY**

There are lots of theories about diversity and trust, but little agreement. In this stream, we focus on the extent to which the diversity of thought, human values and beliefs are not always shown in our Parliamentary systems. This stream will consider if there is a place for diversity and inclusion in an age of global populism.

**TRUTH ON THE RUN**

In this age of ‘alternative facts’ and ‘fake news’ the role of the media is critical in politics. This stream will invite views on how can the media translates complex matters into simple messages, what effect social media is having on mainstream media reporting and who should tell the story.

# ASPG 2018 Annual Conference, Queensland Parliament

18 – 20 July 2018, Brisbane, Queensland

## REGISTRATION FORM

Please print

DETAILS	
Title	
First Name(s)	
Surname	
Organisation	
Position	
Postal address	
Email	
Contact telephone/mobile	
Place of accommodation during conference (delegates are required to organise their own accommodation)	
Dietary requirements	
Accompanying person's name (if applicable)	
EVENT REGISTRATION	
I will be attending the Welcome Reception on Wednesday 18 July from 5.45pm	Y / N
I will require transport to/from Queensland Parliament to reception venue	Y / N

<b>DETAILS OF REGISTRATION (please tick the appropriate box)</b>		
1. Full registration – ASPG member	\$400	
2. Full registration – non-member	\$420	
3. Conference dinner – additional person(s)	\$130	
4. Student concession (conference dinner not included)	\$90	
	<b>TOTAL</b>	
<b>PAYMENT</b>		
Please retain a copy of this registration form as a receipt		
<b>Electronic transfer payment</b>	<b>Account Name: ASPG-Q</b>	
	<b>BSB: 034 000</b>	
	<b>Account Number: 645 728</b>	
<b>IN CASE OF EMERGENCY</b>		
Please nominate a friend or relative who should be contacted in case of emergency		
<b>Name</b>		
<b>Relationship</b>		
<b>Contact</b>		
<b>SIGNATURE</b>		<b>DATE</b>
<b>PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM TO</b> Lynda Pretty Parliament House Brisbane 4000 Qld <a href="mailto:ASPG-Q@parliament.qld.gov.au">ASPG-Q@parliament.qld.gov.au</a>		