



Annual Conference: New Zealand Parliament, 2-4 October 2024

Te Manawaroatanga o Pāremata i tea o Hurihuri

Parliament's Resilience in a Changing World

Call for Expressions of Interest Presenting a Conference Paper

As we navigate the challenges of a fast-paced and changing world, Parliaments are confronted with technological advancements, evolving communication methods, information overload, and increasing political and social polarisation. Addressing persistent issues like climate change requires long-term consensus and commitment. The ability for Parliaments to identify opportunities and manage risk in this environment is paramount to our future as trusted democratic institutions.

Parliaments are responsible for adapting laws to changing needs and circumstances. They must also preserve the integrity of the Government system by effectively holding the Executive to account. To achieve these objectives and remain relevant to the people they represent, parliamentary systems must remain constitutionally sound while becoming increasingly adaptable. Parliamentarians need to be forward-looking, resilient, and open to change.

This year, the New Zealand Chapter of the ASPG will explore the future of parliamentary resilience in an ever-changing world. Under this overarching theme, we invite wide-ranging discussions on areas such as (but not limited to):

1. Parliaments and artificial intelligence: Exploring prospects and pitfalls
2. Collaboration and creation: Elevating indigenous representation in the parliamentary environment
3. Engaging through social media: Creating strong strategies and content to build trust, engage with the public, and maximise reach
4. Parliamentary preparedness: From disaster response and pandemics to climate change
5. Safeguarding members and staff: The importance of parliamentary culture and how we prevent bad choices, bullying, and burnouts
6. Transforming parliamentary practice: Balancing tradition with new opportunities.

We welcome a diverse range of speakers to address these themes and other related topics.

The conference will look at what opportunities our changing world brings, and how can we leverage them to overcome the challenges.

Deadline for submitting an Expression of Interest: Friday 26 April 2024

General information

Timeline

- **Friday 26 April:** Deadline for submitting an Expression of Interest
- **Friday 10 May:** Expressions of Interest will be confirmed
- **Friday, 26 July:** Title, Abstract (300 words) and biographical details required
- **Friday 11 September:** Electronic copy of the finalised paper required.

Papers

Papers should be no longer than 6,000 words in length and comply with the *Australasian Parliamentary Review* style guide for footnote references (attached).

Abstracts should be no more than 300 words.

After the conference, the editorial board will determine whether a conference paper will be published in the ASPG journal *Australasian Parliamentary Review*. Further information is available at <https://www.aspg.org.au/a-p-r-journals-2/contributing-to-apr/>

Presentations

Presentations can be 15–20 minutes depending on the number of people per session. These will be followed by a general question and answer and discussion session. Presenters are encouraged to speak to their paper rather than read it.

Audio visual equipment is available. Please provide a list of audio-visual material needs with your finalised conference paper.

Presentations will be recorded.

Registrations and submitting your Expression of interest

We understand that some conference delegates cannot register until their proposed paper has been accepted. It is not necessary to register for the conference at the time you express an interest in presenting a paper.

[Click here to submit your Expression of Interest.](#)