

John Marsden Memorial Lecture 2018

50 Years of Marsdens Law Group



Sacrificing civil liberties to counter-terrorism: where will it end?

WHEN

22 November 2018
6.00pm to 8.15pm
including drinks and refreshments

WHERE

Ionic Room, Level 1
Sydney Masonic
Centre, Cnr Goulburn
& Castlereagh Streets
Sydney 2000

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WHY

The late John Marsden was a life member and Past President of NSWCCL. These lectures are held in honour of his great contribution to the advancement of civil liberties in NSW. 2018 is the Golden Anniversary of Marsdens Law Group.



George Williams AO

will address challenges arising in the context of government moves to address terrorism for:

- Liberty
- Free speech
- Democracy
- There are more laws on the way
- What next?

George Williams AO is the Dean and Anthony Mason Professor at UNSW Law. He has written and edited books including *Australian Constitutional Law and Theory*, *The Oxford Companion to the High Court of Australia* and *Human Rights under the Australian Constitution*. He has appeared as a barrister in the High Court in many cases over the past two decades, including on freedom of speech, freedom from racial discrimination and the rule of law.

As chair of the Victorian Human Rights Consultation Committee in 2005 he helped bring about Australia's first State bill of rights, the Victorian Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities. George is a well-known media commentator on legal issues. He has been a columnist for the *Sydney Morning Herald* and *Canberra Times* and an on-air analyst for ABC Television. He is currently a columnist for *The Australian*.

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WHAT WE DO

NSWCCL monitors developments on many issues affecting the rights & civil liberties of the citizens of Australians.

We directly advocate to governments, speak to media and intervene in the courts in significant civil liberties test cases.

ACTION

Bill of rights

Asylum seekers & refugees

National security & counter-terrorism

Free speech, censorship, privacy & data retention

Criminal justice, police powers & mental health

Sniffer dogs

Right to protest

ATSI rights

Civil & human rights

GLBTQI rights

Death penalty

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- Stephen Blanks, President

Priority issues for 2018

- A national and NSW charter of human rights
- A national anti-corruption body
- Support the *Uluru Statement From The Heart* and Makarrata between Aboriginal peoples and the Commonwealth
- Protect civil society and public political discourse from extreme national security and foreign influence laws
- Resist mass surveillance/data collection and protect the right to privacy
- Defend Australia's anti-discrimination laws and policies
- End indefinite immigration detention and resettle Manus and Nauru refugees
- Defend Australia's democracy against the excessive power and secrecy of the Department of Home Affairs and its Minister
- Repeal extreme anti-protest/public safety laws in NSW
- Decriminalize abortion and legalise voluntary assisted dying rights
- Support campaigns for employees' rights to industrial action

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