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TIME	SESSION	SPEAKER
9.00am	Parliament House Theatre Australian Parliament House Coffee and Registration	
9.30am	Welcome to Country	Violet Sheridan
	Opening Remarks	Ebony Bennett Deputy Director, The Australia Institute
9.45am	Keynote — Exposing Federal Corruption	Geoffrey Watson SC former counsel assisting NSW ICAC
10.15am	Keynote — Lessons from NSW ICAC	Nicholas Cowdery AM QC former NSW Director of Public Prosecutions
10:45am	MORNING TEA	
11.15am	Weaknesses in the Current Federal Integrity System and Options for Reform	Assoc Prof Gabrielle Appleby Associate Professor, UNSW Law; The Judiciary Project co-director at Gilbert + Tobin Centre for Public Law Assoc Prof Joo Cheong Tham Associate Professor, Melbourne Law School; Director, Electoral Regulation Research Network Professor AJ Brown Professor, Griffith University; Program Leader, Public Integrity & Anti-Corruption in the Centre for Governance and Public Policy Alex McKean Barrister; Lecturer, University of the Sunshine Coast
	Discussion and Q&A	
12.15pm	LUNCH	
1.00pm	Crossbench Panel	Senator Richard Di Natale Leader of the Australian Greens Senator Nick Xenophon Leader of the Nick Xenophon Team Senator Jacqui Lambie Independent Senator for Tasmania
	Discussion and Q&A	

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1.45pm	Interaction Between a Federal Anticorruption Commission and the Federal Courts	Bret Walker SC Barrister; former Independent Monitor of National Security Legislation Noel Hutley SC Barrister; former President of the NSW Bar Association Fiona McLeod SC Barrister; President of the Law Council of Australia
	Discussion and Q&A	
2.30pm	The Case for a Federal Anti-Corruption Commission	George Williams AO Dean and Anthony Mason Professor, UNSW Law Anthony Whealy QC former Assistant Commissioner NSW ICAC; President of Transparency International Linton Besser Investigative Journalist, Four Corners Howard Whitton Founding Director, Ethicos Group; Research Associate, ANU Transnational Research Institute on Corruption
	Discussion and Q&A	
3.30pm	AFTERNOON TEA	
4.00pm	Improving Accountability in 2017	Hon. Mark Dreyfus QC MP Shadow Attorney General
4.30pm	Closing Remarks	Ben Oquist Executive Director, The Australia Institute
from 6pm	Accountability & The Law Reception The Level, L1 / 1 Franklin Street, Manuka	
7pm	Keynote — Game of Mates	Dr Cameron Murray Economist; Co-author of Game of Mates