

Norman Waterhouse
Local Government
Conference

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LAWYERS

Session Time	Stream A Environment and Planning	Stream B Property Infrastructure and Development	Stream C Local Government, Governance and Regulatory Services
8.30 – 9.00am	REGISTRATION		
9.00 – 9.50am	<p>From Old Kent Road to Mayfair A comprehensive review of the last 12 months of planning cases. From student accommodation to wind farms and motorcycle clubs, it's all covered.</p>	<p>How to buy Oxford Street for Euston Road prices – Negotiating within a probity framework The framing of a procurement strategy should provide opportunities for councils to negotiate and engage with bidders rather than shut them out. We explain how negotiation and engagement can be undertaken while complying with the legal and probity requirements of local government to enable councils to obtain better value for money and a better outcome.</p>	<p>Go directly to Jail – a bellyfull of enforcement An update on the latest prosecutions undertaken by Norman Waterhouse on behalf of local government clients dealing with breaches of the Food Act. We analyse procedures council officers need to adopt to ensure that public health is managed and council decisions are protected from challenge.</p>
9.50 – 10.05am	Coffee / Tea Break		
10.10 – 11.00am	<p>Illegal development on Whitechapel Road Section 85 proceedings, contempt proceedings and criminal prosecutions have been on the rise as councils increasingly say “we’re not going to take it” any more. We chronicle the last 12 months and share our lessons for success.</p>	<p>Paving Bond Street, opening the Community Chest and running the Water Works: Development and infrastructure across the board. A case-study of development and infrastructure issues arising out of greenfields and infill development. Discussions focus on open space, provision of community and other infrastructure, developer contributions and contracting with developers and will highlight the innovation and initiative being shown in the industry. We also touch on the Water Industry Act 2012 and the opportunities and challenges this brings Local Government.</p>	<p>Pall Mall or Rundle Mall? Discussion of the challenge to the validity of a by-law regulating preaching and the distribution of literature on roads within the City of Adelaide.</p>
11.00 – 11.15am	Coffee / Tea Break		

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11.20 – 12.10pm	<p>The Trees on Park Lane</p> <p>The regulated tree amendments have been operating for a while. We share our assessment concerns, the legal loopholes, and the thorny issue of conditions.</p> <p>We also consider liability arising from trees more broadly, including the Jolly inquest, what it means for council-managed trees and best-practice tree management.</p>	<p>Paving Bond Street, opening the Community Chest and running the Water Works: Development and infrastructure across the board.</p> <p><i>Session Continued.</i></p>	<p>The end of free parking – The growth of the Carbon Economy and Local Government</p> <p>Australia has undertaken significant legislative reform to create a carbon economy, similar to that operation in parts of Europe and other regions. This includes rewards for the creation of carbon credits, as well as financially burdening larger emitters. We discuss the impact of this reform on Local Government, including what may occur if parts of the legislative reforms are later amended or repealed.</p>
12.20 – 1.20pm	LUNCH		
1.30 – 2.20pm	<p>Checking houses and hotels</p> <p>Building inspections have been under scrutiny this year, with changes to minimum inspection policies, additional building work notifications, and active building fire safety committees. Hear the latest about these matters, together with truss issues, swimming pools, and liability from inspections (and how to protect yourself).</p>	<p>Is that encroaching on Fleet Street or The Strand?</p> <p>Encroachments affect most councils in one way or another, whether as a result of longstanding buildings, or poor surveying. We look at the practical impact of encroachments on the activities of councils and their dealings with land.</p>	<p>Do Not Pass Go, Do Not Collect \$200</p> <p>The Independent</p> <p>Commissioner Against Corruption (ICAC) legislative scheme provides a further layer of accountability and oversight for Local Government and local government officers. We analyse the mechanisms and implications for local government employees and elected members.</p>
2.20 – 2.35pm	Coffee / Tea Break		
2.40 – 3.30pm	<p>The position of the tokens</p> <p>Hear the “gamemaster” (the State Government) on upcoming legislative and policy changes. Andrew Grear (Exec. Director, Statutory Planning, DPTI) and Dr Donna Ferretti, (Director, Planning Strategy & Policy, DPTI) discuss: regional activities; development plan amendments – the key elements; Government priorities for the next two years; and wind farms, major projects, Vibrant Adelaide, and environmental regulatory reform.</p>	<p>Regent Street – it’s yours, but with strings attached</p> <p>Councils are the custodians of significant holdings of crown land. We consider the way in which the Crown Land Management Act 2009 affects the way that councils can deal with crown land of which they are the custodians. We also look at the practicalities of dealing with the Department Environment and Natural Resources which manages crown land for the State Government.</p>	<p>Roll the dice... Take a chance</p> <p>We explore the powers of the ICAC in the identification and investigation of potential issues of corruption, maladministration and misconduct in public administration.</p>
3.30 – 3.45pm	Coffee / Tea Break		
3.50 – 4.40pm	Plenary session		
4.40 – 6.30pm	COCKTAIL PARTY		

Location The Crowne Plaza Adelaide, Hindmarsh Rooms. Level 15/16 Hindmarsh Square, Adelaide

Package Options

Full day registration	\$ 380 ex GST
Half day registration	\$ 230 ex GST
Retainer clients and G6 council 20% discount full day	\$ 304 ex GST
Retainer clients and G6 council 20% discount half day	\$ 184 ex GST

For half day registrations: Morning session includes lunch. Afternoon session includes cocktail party.

