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FRIDAY 12 AUGUST / ADELAIDE OVAL

Session Time	STREAM A	STREAM B
8:30 – 9:15am	REGISTRATION (MORNING TEA ON ARRIVAL)	
9:15 – 9:30am	INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME	
9:30 – 10:20am	<p>Planning Law Case Update</p> <p>Don't miss a comprehensive update on this year's significant decisions of the Supreme and ERD Courts concerning planning merit appeals and review applications.</p> <p>Gavin Leydon and Jacqui Plant will cover the full spectrum of the recent "must-know" decisions on topics ranging from the characterisation of farmers' markets and row dwellings to the permissible scope and validity of land management agreements. Hear what the key cases mean for you and your council.</p>	<p>New Local Nuisance and Litter Control Legislation – What It All Means</p> <p>For the first time, new Local Nuisance and Litter Control legislation places nuisance unambiguously within the remit of councils. Councils' obligations with respect to litter will also be expanded to a multi-tiered, multi-categorised scheme applying to both public and private land.</p> <p>Councils will have new offences to enforce and new criminal and civil enforcement tools to enact in order to achieve compliance. New prosecutorial, order-making and administrative review mechanisms will be created to co-exist alongside existing avenues, sometimes harmoniously and sometimes potentially not.</p> <p>Paul Kelly and Dale Mazzachi will present an interactive session highlighting some of the key areas of councils' new jurisdiction and suggest strategies to manage this new area of council operations.</p>
10:20 – 10:25am	SESSION BREAK	
10:25 – 11:15am	<p>Brave New World - Infrastructure Delivery Schemes Under the Planning, Development and Infrastructure Act 2016</p> <p>The PDI Act 2016 recognises the need to provide for the wider strategic delivery and funding of infrastructure across South Australia. What exactly does it say? How practically useful will it be? How does it fit with current mechanisms used by councils for infrastructure delivery and funding? When is it likely to be implemented?</p> <p>In this session, Yari McCall will unpack the infrastructure delivery schemes requirements of Part 13 of the PDI Act, offering some thoughts on how councils can best prepare for the proposed adoption of infrastructure schemes by the Minister.</p>	<p>The Pitfalls of the new Conflict of Interest Provisions</p> <p>The new conflict of interest provisions have been causing headaches all across local government! The level of disclosure Council Members must now provide is at an all-time high. Council Members, Governance Managers and CEOs have all been left wondering whether the amended legislation is actually promoting transparency in local government, or is it just more red-tape slowing down Councils?</p> <p>In this informative session, the Head of Howard Zelling Chambers, Michael Roder SC and Norman Waterhouse's Sathish Dasan will breakdown the new conflict of interest provisions. The session will provide insight about where there has been improvement, where the provisions are deficient, and what your Council can do to best deal with the situation. The session will also look at interstate jurisdictions in regards to how they deal with conflict of interest, and the lessons local government in South Australia can learn from elsewhere.</p>
11:15 – 11:35am	SESSION BREAK	
11:35 – 12:25pm	<p>The Rise and Rise of Private Certification</p> <p>Private certification is already part of the planning landscape. With the concept of "accredited professionals", the Planning Development and Infrastructure Act 2016 will take certification to a new level.</p> <p>But is the gloss starting to fade? How can apparently bad decisions be reviewed or challenged? What is the council's role in the new system? And what are the opportunities and risks for councils and accredited professionals?</p> <p>These questions and more will be analysed in detail by Jo Clare and Peter Psaltis.</p>	<p>Property and Governance - Exploring Governance Issues in Property Matters</p> <p>Councils are the largest property owners in the State owning community and operational land, public roads and having care, control and management of Crown Land. As custodians of these assets, councils are required to manage their land holdings for the benefit of their communities. This includes complying with statutory requirements as well as governance and probity processes.</p> <p>In this session Mabel Tam and Felice D'Agostino will discuss the key governance issues that often arise in property related matters.</p>

12:25 – 1:15pm	LUNCH
1:15 – 2:45pm	<p>Local Government on a National Stage</p> <p>While local government necessarily has a “local” focus, it is easy to forget that some issues have broader relevance. This year, Norman Waterhouse has invited local government colleagues from Western Australia, Victoria and Queensland to share their experiences about three watershed issues facing local government nationally. The session will be facilitated by Sean Keenihan, Chairman of Partners, President Australia China Business Council SA Branch, Chairman SA Tourism Board.</p> <p>Favourite local son Stuart Moseley, now Deputy Director-General, Planning, Department of Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning in Queensland returns to speak about planning reform and the role of local government in Australia’s most decentralised State.</p> <p>Noelene Duff, Chief Executive Officer of the Whitehorse City Council in metropolitan Melbourne will share her Council’s learnings about the practical impacts of rate capping on the budgetary process.</p> <p>Len Kosova, Chief Executive Officer of the City of Vincent will review the implications of the Western Australian Government’s recent attempt at forced council amalgamations.</p>
2:45 – 3:00pm	SESSION BREAK
3:00 – 4:15pm	<p>Q&A Local Government Style</p> <p>Back due to popular demand, this year’s Q&A - Local Government Style will be hosted by Andrew Aitken, Chief Executive Officer of the Adelaide Hills Council. Andrew will guide a distinguished panel of speakers through a range of your questions about the big issues facing local government today.</p> <p>The Panelists will include:</p> <p>Paul Sutton, Chief Executive Officer, City of Charles Sturt</p> <p>Lorraine Rosenberg, Mayor, City of Onkaparinga</p> <p>Helen Macdonald, Chief Executive Officer, Naracoorte Lucindale Council</p> <p>Matt Pinnegar, Chief Executive Officer, Local Government Association</p> <p>Gavin Leydon, Partner, Norman Waterhouse Lawyers</p> <p>Submit your questions now to avoid disappointment!</p>
4:15 – 6:00pm	COCKTAIL PARTY

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Throughout the day our experienced practitioners across all areas of local government will be available to answer questions, provide guidance or have a chat on any issues you wish to raise.

PACKAGE OPTIONS

Retainer clients and Council Solutions members 20% discount Full Day	\$336 ex GST
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For half day registrations: Morning session includes lunch. Afternoon session includes cocktail party.

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