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Labour Law Seminar Series

Deconstructing the HRAD Bill: Do with it what you will!

Wednesday 13 March 2013 5.30 – 6.30pm followed by refreshments

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Sparke Helmore Theatre 2, ANU College of Law, Fellows Road,
The Australian National University



With particular regard to the ramifications for employment, this presentation will entail an overview and critique of the controversial exposure draft of the Human Rights and Anti-Discrimination Bill. It will also consider the report of the Senate Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee and pay some attention to the tenor of the 600 public submissions. The dissonance surrounding the Bill will be analysed in light of the on-going animus towards anti-discrimination legislation. The presentation will conclude with some thoughts about the future of anti-discrimination legislation in Australia.

Margaret Thornton is Professor of Law and ANU Public Policy Fellow at the Australian National University. She has

longstanding interests in discrimination law, having taught one of the first courses in Australia in the late 1970s and her books include *The Liberal Promise: Anti-Discrimination Legislation in Australia* (Oxford, 1990). More recently, she completed an ARC Professorial Fellowship project, 'EEO in a Culture of Uncertainty', which examined the contemporary retreat from EEO and social justice. She is a Fellow of the Academy of Social Sciences in Australia and a Foundation Fellow of the Australian Academy of Law.

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