

Trends in Climate Litigation: Public, Private and Global

Monday, 22 July 2019

Melbourne Law School, 185 Pelham St, Parkville, Level 1, Room 102

Agenda

9.00-9.30 **Arrival, coffee & tea**

9.30-9.45 Introduction and Aims of the Workshop - *Jacqueline Peel, University of Melbourne*

9.45-10.05 Global trends in Climate Change Litigation – *Hari Osofsky, Penn State Law School and School of International Affairs (by Zoom)*

10.05-11.15 Climate Litigation Drivers

- Developments in climate change science and attribution of extreme events – *David Karoly, CSIRO*
- The Paris Agreement and its relationship to domestic climate governance – *Andrew Higham, Mission 2020*
- Shifting attitudes to climate risk in the business and investor communities – *Simon O'Connor, Responsible Investment Association Australasia*

11.15-11.30 **Coffee Break**

11.30-1.00 'First wave' climate litigation – Adani, Rocky Hill and beyond: roundtable discussion

- Chair: Jacqueline Peel, Melbourne Law School
- Matt Floro, EDO NSW
- Sean Ryan, EDO Qld
- Samantha Hepburn, Deakin Law School

1.00-2.00 **Lunch**

2.00-3.30 'Second wave' climate litigation – corporate accountability

- A new era of climate litigation in Australia? – *Andrew Korbel, Corrs*
- Liability for misleading climate risk disclosure – *Sarah Barker, Minter Ellison*
- CBA and REST cases – *David Barnden, Equity Generation Lawyers*
- Reason and Lawfulness in the Climate Emergency: the Trial of Greg Rolles – *Nicole Rogers, Southern Cross University*

3.30-3.45 **Coffee Break**

3.45-5.00 Emerging and potential litigation in the Asia Pacific region

- Climate litigation and the contribution of the Global South and China – *Jolene Lin, NUS Law School and Jacqueline Peel, Melbourne Law School*
- Litigating non-human capabilities at a time of climate disaster – *Rosemary Lyster, Sydney Law School*
- Identifying climate litigation opportunities in or involving Australia – *Chris McGrath, barrister, Higgins Chambers*

5.00-5.30 **Wrap-up – taking stock of trends in climate litigation**

5.30-6.30 **Close, wine/drinks and cheese**