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This conference will examine the nature and implications for labour law practice, of the major changes in the organisation of work in Australia over the last ten to fifteen years.

In response to pressures from globalisation and other forces, the emergence of the 'new economy' has presented many challenges for labour law regulation.

These challenges, and the ways in which labour law has responded to them, will be the focus of the conference. International influences on Australian labour law change will also be considered. Themes that will be covered include:

- re-organising work: privatisation, outsourcing, and other forms of corporate restructuring
- the growing contingent workforce (casuals, part-time, fixed-term, contractors, etc)
- information and communication technology: transforming 'work' and 'the workplace' (eg. e-mail and internet use in the workplace, surveillance of employees activities etc.)
- the changing nature of employment contracts (eg. regulating workers' private lives, an emerging 'fiduciary' relationship?)
- employment protection in uncertain times: unfair dismissal laws
- regulating the workplace: labour law or corporate law?

Enquiries and offers of papers are now invited from practitioners, academic labour lawyers, and others interested in contributing a paper on the broad conference topic, and/or any of the specific conference themes.

Contributions from members of the Association will be preferred. The ALLA's National Committee of Management will make final decisions as to the acceptance of papers.

Proposals for papers, in the form of an abstract of approximately 200 words, should be sent by Friday 5 April 2002 to Anthony Forsyth.

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