



# AUSTRALIAN LABOUR LAW ASSOCIATION

## Third Biennial Conference

### “THE CHALLENGE OF CONTEMPORARY LABOUR LAW: NEW DIRECTIONS AND DISCIPLINES”

Brisbane, Friday 22 and Saturday 23 September 2006

#### CALL FOR PAPERS

ALLA's third biennial conference examines the limits and challenges to the traditional discipline of labour law brought about by changing labour market practices, new economic and political theories, and changes in the organisation of business and work and societal structures.

The challenge to re-define the purpose of labour law, and to re-formulate the discipline beyond the traditional framework of regulation of the work relationship in a way that might provide some coherence, may be seen as taking on a special importance in light of the Work Choices amendments to the Workplace Relations Act 1996 (Cth).

All of these changes have led to a greater diversity in our approach to the study of labour law and a broadening of our focus in the study, teaching and practice of labour law.

In that context this conference will examine the following topics –

- Work Choices: new institutions, new powers, new standards, new rights and obligations
- The labour law system under Work Choices: regulating for cooperation or conflict?
- Corporate governance and labour law: employee rights, participation, and new forms of employee representation
- Contracting and the corporation: restructuring, corporate groups, supply chains, franchises, independent contracting
- The common law of labour law: promoting fairness and fair dealing in the work relationship

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 themes.

Proposals for papers, in the form of an abstract of approximately 250 words, should be sent by June 30, 2006 to Amanda Coulthard, ALLA Queensland Chapter at [amanda\\_coulthard@mac.com](mailto:amanda_coulthard@mac.com)

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