



CHILDREN, TRAUMA AND THE LAW CONFERENCE

12th-13th October, 2023

DAY 1	CRIMINAL JUSTICE
8.30am	Registration
9.00am	Welcome and Acknowledgement of Country
Keynote Address 1: Judge Ellen Skinner President, Children's Court of NSW	
10.15am	Panel 1: Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children in the Criminal Justice System – Addressing Over-representation and Inter-generational Trauma
	Natalie Lewis Commissioner, Queensland Family and Child Commission Stephen Ralph Forensic psychologist Binnie O'Dwyer Solicitor, Aboriginal Legal Service Moderator: Jennifer Nielsen Southern Cross University
11.15am	Morning Tea
11.45am	Panel 2: Identity and Intersectionality: How Can the Law Better Respond to the Diverse Needs of Children and Young People to protect them from Trauma and Violence?
	Julia Cooper Executive Director, Head of Legal Research, Consent Labs Angela Lynch Advocacy Manager Legal and Policy, Full Stop Australia Theo Boltman Student, activist, writer and performer Moderator: Lizette Twisleton Head of Engagement, No to Violence
1.00pm	Lunch
2.00pm	Panel 3: Upholding the Rights of Children and Young People in Contact with the Criminal Justice System – Would Human Rights Legislation Make a Difference?
	Andrew Hurst Superintendent Transformation Office, NSW Police Matthew Keeley Director, Youth Law Australia Jane Sanders Principal Solicitor, Shopfront Legal Centre Moderator: Yvette Holt Southern Cross University
3.00pm	Afternoon tea
3.30pm	Panel 4: Pathways Forward – Diversionary Programs and Breaking the Cycle
	Michele Laurie Ngunya Jarjum Aboriginal Child & Family Network Fiona Allison Research Fellow, Jumbunna Institute for Indigenous Education and Research, UTS Moderator: David Heilpern Southern Cross University
4.30pm	Closing remarks: David Heilpern Southern Cross University



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DAY 2	FAMILY LAW, CHILD PROTECTION AND OUT-OF-HOME CARE
8.30am	Registration
9.00am	Welcome and Acknowledgement of Country
Keynote Address 2: Anne Hollonds National Children's Commissioner	
10.15am	Panel 1: Are We (Still) Not Listening to Children and Young People in the Child Protection System and Out of Home Care?
	Judy Cashmore Professor of Socio-Legal Research and Policy, University of Sydney Kate Alexander Executive Director, Office of the Senior Practitioner, NSW Department of Family and Community Services Moderator: Oliver White Chairperson, Youth Advisory Council
11.15am	Morning Tea
11.45am	Panel 2: Are We (Still) Not Listening to Children and Young People in the Family Law System?
	"J" Young person with lived experience of Australia's family law system Tracy Flintoff Senior Judicial Registrar, Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia Rachel Carson Senior Research Fellow, Australia Institute Family Studies Moderator: Georgina Dimopoulos Southern Cross University
1.00pm	Lunch
2.00pm	Panel 3: Learning from Children as Experts by Experience to Inform Research, Policy and Practice
	Georgina Dimopoulos Southern Cross University Zoe De Re Senior Policy Solicitor (Care and Protection), Aboriginal Legal Service Robbie Gilligan Professor Emeritus, School of Social Work and Social Policy, Trinity College Dublin Tamara Walsh Professor and Director of Pro Bono Centre, University of Queensland Moderator: Michele Laurie Ngunya Jarjum Aboriginal Child & Family Network
3.00pm	Afternoon Tea
3.30pm	Panel 4: Protecting Children – How do We Better Respect Children's Rights in and out of Their Homes?
	Daryl Higgins Director, Institute of Child Protection Studies Naarah Rodwell CEO, CASPA Services Ltd Rachael Ward Director of Child Protection (Legal), NSW Department of Communities and Justice Moderator: Meri Oakwood Southern Cross University
4.30pm	Closing remarks: David Heilpern Southern Cross University