



# EPLA 2020 CONFERENCE PROGRAM

28-30 OCTOBER

TIMESLOT	WEDNESDAY 28 OCT	THURSDAY 29 OCT	FRIDAY 30 OCT
Opening 8.15am	Felicity Rourke, EPLA President	Paul Crennan, EPLA Vice President	Paul Crennan, EPLA Vice President
ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY: DAMIAN BEAUFILS, BLACK CHAMBERS			
Breakfast session 8.30am – 9.30am	<b>Virtual Courts 6 months on, a review of hearings and procedures in the Land and Environment Court of NSW</b> The Hon Justice Brian Preston SC, Chief Judge, and Senior Commissioner Susan Dixon of the Land and Environment Court of NSW. Ros McCulloch	<b>Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 (EPBC Act) &amp; Federal Court update</b> Justice Debbie Mortimer, Federal Court of Australia; and Kate Morgan SC, 10th Floor Chambers. Rob White	<b>Keynote address:</b> <b>“The areas we struggle – challenging factors for the IPC”.</b> Professor Mary O’Kane AC, Chair, NSW Independent Planning Commission. Cecilia Rose
Host post session 9.30am – 10am	Pikes & Verekers	Hunt & Hunt	Wilshire Webb Staunton Beattie
Mid morning session 11am – 12 noon	<b>Tools for Ensuring Wellbeing in Uncertain Times</b> Aylin Dulagil, M. Org. Psych, M. Coaching & HRM, B. Sc. (Psych) Hons. Montana Linkio	<b>Ethics and Contemporary Practice: Reflections on 2020</b> Mark Seymour, Martin Place Chambers. Janet McKelvey	<b>Regional NSW —</b> supporting regional communities to drive recovery and build resilience. Andrew Laughlin, Manager Operations: Legal, Governance and Procurement, Regional NSW and Chris Hanger, Deputy Secretary Public Works Advisory and Regional Development. <b>Followed by a virtual tour of Dubbo Zoo.</b> Paul Crennan & Stuart Harding
Host post session 12 noon – 12:30pm	ABC Planning	Martin Place Chambers	Willana Urban
Lunchtime session 1pm – 2pm	<b>What’s happening at DPIE?</b> Jonathon Schipp, Executive Director, Planning System Policy, DPIE. Update on the planning reform action plan and the planning proposal appeals component. Gary Shiels	<b>Expert evidence considerations regarding design and design quality</b> Commissioner Tim Horton; Land and Environment Court of NSW; and Peter Smith, Smith & Tzannes. Stuart Harding & Jacinta Reid	<b>Contaminated Land Update: legal and technical developments</b> Elizabeth Wild, Norton Rose Fulbright; and Jason Clay, Senversa Pty Ltd. Tom White
Host post session 2pm – 2.30pm	GSA Planning	SJB Planning & Planning Ingenuity	Maddocks
Afternoon session 4.30pm – 6pm	<b>Housing Diversity SEPP</b> Luke Walton, Executive Director, Local Government and Economic Policy, DPIE. Following this update, a panel Q&A with Ashleigh Ryan, Urbis, Lisa-Maree Carrigan. Group GSA, Troy Loveday, Property Council of Australia, moderated by David Hoy, Urbis. Clare Brown & Rebecca Pleming	<b>Sustainability in Planning for Councils &amp; Panels</b> Commissioner Peter Walsh, Land and Environment Court of NSW; David Eckstein, Environmental Advisor, City Sustainability, Sydney City Council; and Graham Brown, planner. Paul Crennan & Melissa Mallos	<b>Cases of Interest; NSW Courts Update</b> Justice John Robson Land and Environment Court of NSW; Justice Robert Macfarlan, Court of Appeal of NSW. Felicity Rourke
Host post session BYO Drink 6pm – 6.30pm	Urbis	GLN Planning	<b>Close of Conference Message</b> The Honourable Margaret Beazley AC QC Governor of New South Wales