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# ***Curtin UN Human Rights Governance Symposium Event***

Thursday 8 December 2022, Curtin 139 St Georges Terrace

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139 St Georges Terrace, Perth CBD

# Conference Program

08.00 – 08.30	Arrival / Registration	11.00 – 11.30	Morning Tea
<b>Welcome Address &amp; Welcome to Country</b>		<b>Session 2 – Technological challenges to the human right of privacy – what does an effective response look like?</b>	
08.30 – 09.00	<b>Welcome Address</b> Hannah McGlade, <i>Associate Professor, Curtin Law School, Curtin University</i> <b>Welcome to Country</b>	12.00 – 12.30	This topical session will focus on privacy as a human right, with particular reference to contemporary surveillance technologies. The talk will consider some of the recent attempts to define the right to privacy in a law reform context, specifically the ongoing review of the Privacy Act 1988 (Cth). It will identify general and specific human rights challenges arising from these technologies, and the possible effectiveness of proposed legislative responses to them. Tomas Fitzgerald, <i>Lecturer, Curtin Law School</i> 0.5 Points - Competency Area 4 – Substantive Law
<b>Keynote Address</b>		<b>Conclusion of conference</b>	
09.00 – 09.30	<b>Human rights issues facing children in Australia, with a focus on the detention of children.</b> Anne Hollonds, <i>Australia's National Commissioner for Children</i> 0.5 Points - Competency Area 4 – Substantive Law	12.30	<b>Conference Close</b> His Honour Judge Denis Reynolds
<b>Session 1 – Using human rights standards to influence government and companies, and how to engage with media</b>		12.30 – 1.30	Continue the conversation with networking opportunities.
09.30 – 12.00	<p>The international human rights standards are fundamentally directed to the nation state. They also have importance, and use, in guiding government agencies' and companies' decisions and actions. Using human rights standards in engaging with these parties is, however, neither straightforward nor easy. This panel will discuss practical methods of using human rights standards to inform the work of companies and government agencies. This can assist external advocates or internal actors. With perspectives and experience from corporate Australia, government, academia, practice and media – the presentation and discussion will be followed by a Q &amp; A with the audience.</p> <p><b>Part I:</b> Introduction to the Human Rights Standards  <b>Part II:</b> Engaging with government  <b>Part III:</b> Engaging with business  <b>Part IV:</b> Tips on media involvement and engagement  <b>Part V:</b> Panel discussion and audience Q &amp; A</p> <p><b>Panellists</b>            John Southalan, <i>Barrister &amp; Adjunct Professor, Curtin Law School</i>            Jo Feldman, <i>Partner, Norton Rose Fulbright Australia</i>            Sarah Taillier, <i>Lecturer, Curtin School of Media, Creative Arts and Social Inquiry &amp; former journalist</i>            Gary Smith, <i>General Manager of Legal, Litigation, Wesfarmers</i>            Claire MacMillan, <i>Legal Counsel, Wesfarmers</i>            1 Point - Competency Area 4 – Substantive Law            1 Point - Competency Area 2 - Professional Skills</p>		



## Speaker Biographies

**Anne Hollonds** is Australia's National Children's Commissioner. Formerly Director of the Australian Institute of Family Studies, for 23 years Anne was Chief Executive of government and non-government organisations focussed on research, policy and practice in child and family wellbeing. As a psychologist Anne has worked extensively in frontline practice, including child protection, domestic and family violence, mental health, child and family counselling, parenting education, family law counselling, and community development. Anne currently contributes to several expert advisory groups, including the Family Law Council, Australian Child Maltreatment Study, NSW Domestic and Family Violence and Sexual Assault Council, National Plan Advisory Group (NPAG), and Australian National Child Health and Development Atlas Oversight Group.



### Jo Feldman

Partner, Norton Rose Fulbright Australia  
Jo Feldman is an arbitration and litigation lawyer; with over 17 years' experience working with government and the private sector. Jo regularly advises companies on their cross border trade issues, sovereign risk, ESG compliance, and engagement with processes such as the OECD NCP. She has broad experience in disputes under national laws and international law, and has acted for and against States in investment treaty arbitrations. She was a senior member of the legal team defending Australia's first investor-State arbitration claim, Philip Morris Asia Ltd v Australia, and on Australia's subsequent ISDS claims. Jo was a Senior Dispute Settlement lawyer at the World Trade Organization and has extensive experience in WTO disputes, including six WTO disputes brought against Australia and as a Third Party in disputes between the US and China over antidumping, rare earths, intellectual property, and digital products. Jo is also experienced in human rights law, and Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) issues. She was Australia's lead on human rights at the United Nations in New York, and was Vice Chair of the UN Commission on the Status of Women, chairing the negotiation of the Political Declaration to mark the 25th anniversary of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action.



### Tomas Fitzgerald

Lecturer, Curtin Law School  
Tomas is a Lecturer at the Curtin School of Law. He was previously a research fellow at the Minderoo Tech & Policy Lab at the UWA School of Law. He has lectured in the areas of Advocacy, Legal Philosophy, Tort and Intellectual Property and has coached the International Trade Law Moot program, as well as a wide variety of state, national and international moot teams.



### Associate Professor Hannah McGlade

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Hannah has specialised in Aboriginal human rights including race discrimination law and practice, heritage and culture, state violence and criminal justice issues, Aboriginal women and children, family violence and sexual assault. Associate Professor McGlade has extensive experience in international Indigenous affairs, including as the Senior Indigenous Fellow of the UNOHCHR in 2016 and member of the UN Permanent Forum for Indigenous Issues in 2020.



### Claire MacMillan

Legal Counsel, Wesfarmers  
Claire MacMillan is legal counsel in the litigation and disputes team at Wesfarmers, with responsibility for managing and advising on a range of disputes across the Wesfarmers Group. Claire regularly assists Wesfarmers' businesses in managing human rights risks in the businesses, including supply chain risks and the development of the Wesfarmers Modern Slavery Statement.



**His Honour Judge Denis Reynolds** was a Magistrate from 1984-1997, a Commissioner of the District Court of WA from 1997-2004, and a Judge of the District Court of WA from 2004-2018, including being the Senior Judge from 2016-2018. He was one of the longest serving judicial officers in Australia and the longest serving President of the Children's Court of Western Australia – a position he held from 2004 until his retirement in 2018. As Head of Jurisdiction, Judge Reynolds provided strong support to the Drug Court in the Perth Children's Court, with the aim of rehabilitating children and young people from the effects of drug use and supporting them to develop stronger relationships with their families and the community. Through his dedication to addressing the high rate of incarceration among Aboriginal young people, Judge Reynolds garnered enormous respect among Aboriginal leaders addressing dysfunction within sections of the Aboriginal community. Strengthening the capacity of communities and involving Aboriginal leaders and community members in developing local solutions for local issues has been a key theme in his advocacy on youth justice issues. Judge Reynolds was recognised as the WA Citizen of the year - Community Category in 2012.



### Gary Smith

General Manager of Legal, Litigation, Wesfarmers  
Gary Smith is the General Manager of Legal, Litigation at Wesfarmers Limited, with primary responsibility for overseeing and managing all litigation and dispute risks and actions across the Wesfarmers Group. This requires being across all potential risks that may impact the Wesfarmers businesses and keeping the Group General Counsel, Executive Management and Board updated as to these potential risks and issues. Wesfarmers is one of Australia's largest companies and employers, with well-known businesses such as Bunnings, Kmart, Officeworks and Target. One of Wesfarmers' overarching strategies is to ensure its businesses operate sustainably, which includes a strong focus on ethical sourcing and responsible behaviour throughout the supply chain of our various businesses. The in-house legal team plays an important role in supporting the businesses to meet these objectives."



### John Southalan

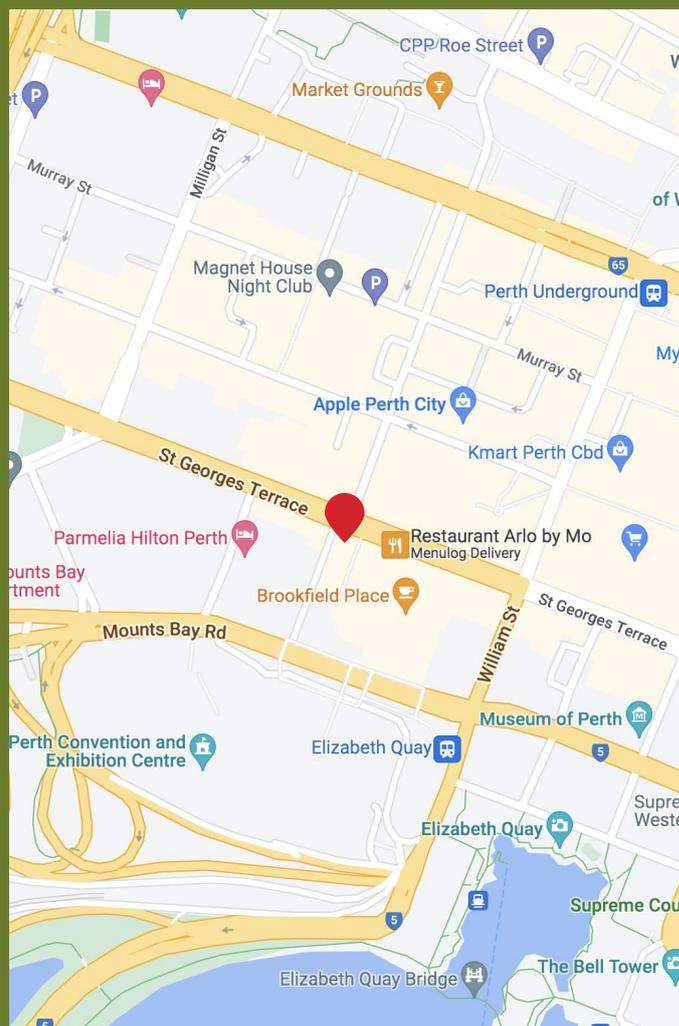
Clinical Professor, Curtin Law School  
John is a mediator, barrister and academic who has practised in commercial and human rights law since the mid-90s. He has advised and represented parties involved in litigation about human rights, and written and trained extensively about human rights (particularly in relation to business) in Australia and internationally. His work and publications often focus on resources regulation. John also has a (part-time) appointment as an Independent Examiner of the Australian National Contact Point for Responsible Business Conduct.



### Sarah Taillier

Lecturer, Curtin's School of Media, Creative Arts and Social Inquiry  
Sarah currently teaches multi-platform reporting and longform journalism at Curtin Journalism, which is recognised as having one of the country's top journalism programs. She has a diverse media background, initially as a video journalist for the WIN News Network and subsequently as a multi-platform reporter at the ABC, where she was also the Lead Reporter for the Mid-West, Wheatbelt, Goldfields and Esperance regions. Sarah subsequently worked in London in television production before returning to ABC Perth to take up a radio producing role. She was a producer on the Focus program.





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### Parking

Car parks that are most convenient to the venue are located at:  
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and Wilson's, Central Park, 152/158 St Georges Tce, Perth

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