

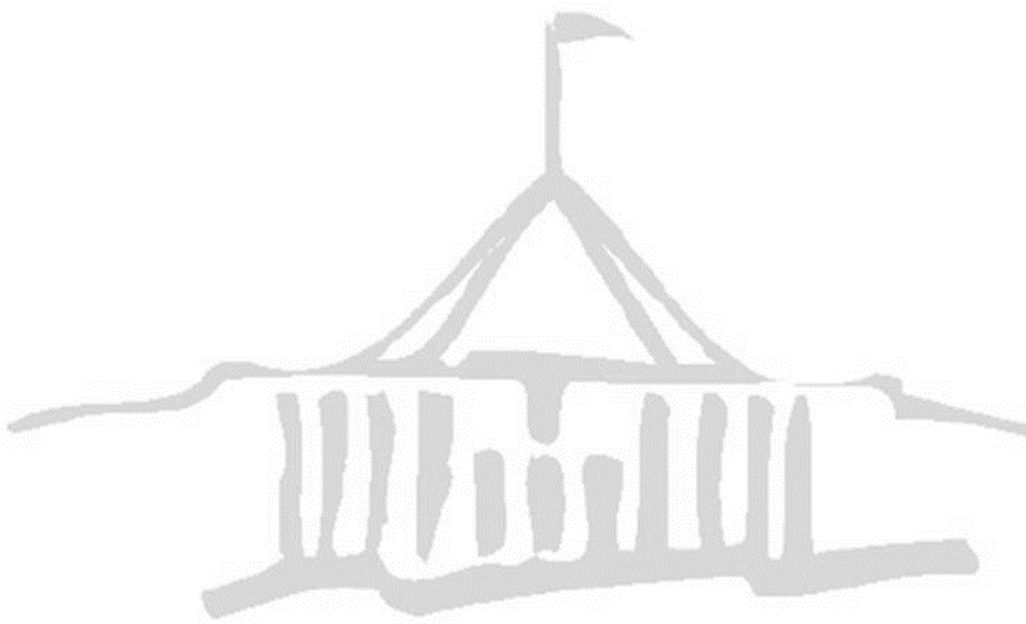
# 29<sup>th</sup> National Schools Constitutional Convention

Tuesday 19 - Thursday 21 March 2024

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The Museum of Australian Democracy (MoAD)

Old Parliament House, Canberra, ACT



# 29th National Schools Constitutional Convention

Topic:

Section 96 of the Constitution allows the Commonwealth to grant funds to areas that fall outside those prescribed in Section 51.

*Should Section 96 be amended to decentralise the power of the Commonwealth?*

## Program Outline (sitting week)

Fly-in Day - Monday 18 March 2024	
2:30pm onwards	Ongoing arrival of delegates at hotel Delegate check-in in batches per arrival
7:00pm	Last batch of delegates to arrive hotel
7:30pm – 8:30pm (1 hr)	BUFFET DINNER AT PAVILION ON NORTHBOURNE (Conference Room)
8:30pm – 9:00pm (30 mins)	Briefing of Students and Supervisors Ice breaker activity
9:00pm	Student accommodation at Pavilion on Northbourne Hotel

## DAY 1 – Tuesday 19 March 2024

6:45am – 7:30am (45 mins)	BREAKFAST AT PAVILION ON NORTHBOURNE (Conference Room)
7:45am	<i>Bus departs for Old Parliament House</i>
8:00am – 8:30am (30 mins)	Photography session at Front Steps of Old Parliament House
8:30am – 8:45am (15 mins)	<i>Moving time</i>
8:45am – 8:55am (15 mins) <i>House of Rep Chamber, MoAD</i>	<b>Facilitator Introduction</b> - Helen Vonow (ACSA ED) <b>NCSS Welcome</b> – Facilitator - Emeritus Professor Clement Macintyre and Professor John Williams, University of Adelaide <b>Welcome to Country</b> – Selina Walker, Ngunnawal Emerging Elder, Co-Chair, ACT Reconciliation Council
8:55am – 9:05am (10 mins) <i>House of Rep Chamber, MoAD</i>	<b>Official opening</b> by The Hon Jason Clare MP, Minister of Education
9:05am – 9:10am (5 mins) <i>House of Rep Chamber, MoAD</i>	<b>Setting the Scene – Topic introduction, referendum question, rules of engagement –</b> Facilitator: Emeritus Professor Clement Macintyre and Professor John Williams, University of Adelaide
9:10am – 9:50am (40 mins) <i>House of Rep Chamber, MoAD</i>	<b>Keynote 1 - The difference between state and federal law and how that impacts States and Territories.</b> Professor Kim Rubenstein, University of Canberra
9:50am – 10:00am (10 mins)	<i>Move to Member’s Dining Room</i>
10:00am – 10:30am (20 mins) <i>Members Dining Room, MoAD</i>	MORNING TEA
10:30am – 11:10am (40 mins) <i>Members Dining Room MoAD</i>	<b>Keynote 2 - The difference between state and federal funding, linked to Section 51 of the Constitution.</b> Professor Emerita Anne Twomey, University of Sydney
11:10am – 11:15am (40 mins)	<i>Move to break out rooms</i>
11:15am – 12:00pm (45 mins) <i>Breakout rooms, MoAD</i>	<b>Working Groups Session 1</b>
12:00pm – 12:05pm (5 mins)	<i>Move back to Member’s Dining Room</i>
12:05pm – 12:40pm (35 mins) <i>Members Dining Room, MoAD</i>	<b>Working Groups Session 1 - report back</b> Led by Emeritus Professor Clement Macintyre and Professor John Williams, University of Adelaide
12:40pm – 1:25pm (45 mins)	LUNCH
1:25pm – 2:05pm (40 mins) <i>Members Dining Room, MoAD</i>	<b>Keynote 3 - Accountability of the states to the commonwealth for commonwealth funding and grants, and tensions that may or may not exist as a result.</b> Dr Andrew Banfield, Parliamentary Library, Canberra
2:05pm – 2:10pm (5 mins)	<i>Move to break out rooms</i>
2:10pm – 2:45pm (35 mins) <i>Breakout rooms, MoAD</i>	<b>Working Groups Session 2</b> <i>[Supervisors Session with Parliamentary Education Office (PEO)]</i>
2:45pm – 3:05pm (20 mins)	AFTERNOON TEA
3:05pm – 3:40pm (35 mins) <i>Members Dining Room, MoAD</i>	<b>Working Groups Session 2 - report back</b> Led by Emeritus Professor Clement Macintyre and Professor John Williams, University of Adelaide
3:40pm – 3:50pm (10 mins) <i>Members Dining Room, MoAD</i>	<b>Recap &amp; Wrap-Up Day 1</b>
4:00pm	<i>Bus departs for Pavilion on Northbourne Hotel</i>
4:15pm	Arrive back at Pavilion on Northbourne Hotel
4:15pm – 6:00pm	Free time
6:00pm – 7:30pm (1 hr)	BUFFET DINNER AT PAVILION ON NORTHBOURNE (Conference Room)

7:30pm	Student Accommodation at Pavilion on Northbourne Hotel
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## DAY 2 – Wednesday 20 March 2024

6:45am – 7:45am (1 hr)	BREAKFAST AT PAVILION ON NORTHBOURNE (Conference Room)
8:00am	<i>Bus departs for The Museum of Australian Democracy at Old Parliament House</i>
8:30am - 8:40am (10 mins) <i>Members Dining Room, MoAD</i>	<b>Welcome back and recap</b> - Emeritus Professor Clement Macintyre and Professor John Williams, University of Adelaide
8:40am – 9:15am (35 mins) <i>Members Dining Room, MoAD</i>	<b>Soapbox session 1</b> Led by Emeritus Professor Clement Macintyre and Professor John Williams, University of Adelaide
9:15am – 9:55am (40 mins) <i>Members Dining Room, MoAD</i>	<b>Keynote 4 – Residual powers including health and education – What are they and how do they work? Should the power of the commonwealth be decentralized?</b> Professor Alan Fenna, Curtin University, WA
9:55am – 10:00am (5 mins)	<i>Move to break out rooms</i>
10:00am – 10:40am (40 mins) <i>Breakout rooms, MoAD</i>	<b>Working Groups Session 3</b> <i>[Supervisors Session with National Capital Educational Tourism Project (NCETP)]</i>
10:40am – 11:10am (30 mins)	MORNING TEA
11:10am – 11:45am (35 mins) <i>Members Dining Room, MoAD</i>	<b>Working Group Session 3 – Reporting back</b> Led by Emeritus Professor Clement Macintyre and Professor John Williams, University of Adelaide
11:45am – 12:25pm (40 mins) <i>Members Dining Room, MoAD</i>	<b>Soapbox session 2</b> Led by Emeritus Professor Clement Macintyre and Professor John Williams, University of Adelaide
12:25pm – 12:35pm (10 mins) <i>Members Dining Room, MoAD</i>	<b>Introduction of the referendum and the referenda process</b> Georgia McInerney, Australian Electoral Commission
12:35pm – 12:50pm (15 mins) <i>Members Dining Room, MoAD</i>	<b>Vote</b> - Australian Electoral Commission
12:50pm – 1:40pm (50 mins)	LUNCH
1:40pm – 1:50pm (10 mins) <i>Members Dining Room, MoAD</i>	<b>Results of Referendum</b> Led by Emeritus Professor Clement Macintyre and Professor John Williams, University of Adelaide
1:50pm – 2:10pm (20 mins) <i>Members Dining Room, MoAD</i>	<b>Confirming of draft Communique with students incorporating referendum results</b> <b>Student Convention Reflections</b> Led by Emeritus Professor Clement Macintyre and Professor John Williams, University of Adelaide
2:10pm – 3:00pm (50 mins)	<b>Tour of the Museum of Australian Democracy at Old Parliament House</b>
3:00pm – 3:15pm (15 mins) <i>House of Rep Chamber, MoAD</i>	<b>Parliamentary arrangements for the House of Representatives</b> Emeritus Professor Clement Macintyre and Professor John Williams, University of Adelaide
3:15pm – 3:45pm (30 mins) <i>House of Rep Chamber, MoAD</i>	<b>Acceptance of communiqué, Address delegates</b> Senator Andrew McLachlan CSC, Deputy President of the Senate and Chair of Committees
3:45pm – 4:00pm (15 mins) <i>House of Rep Chamber, MoAD</i>	<b>Closing, thank you and farewell</b> - Emeritus Professor Clement Macintyre and Professor John Williams, University of Adelaide
4:00pm – 4:30pm (30 mins)	Pack-up, Evaluations

<i>Members Dining Room, MoAD</i>	
4:45pm	<i>Bus departs for Government House</i>
5:00pm – 6:00pm (1 hr)	<b>Official Reception at Government House</b> Hosted by His Excellency General the Hon. David Hurley AC DSC (Retd) and Her Excellency Mrs Linda Hurley
6:15pm	<i>Bus departs for National Press Club</i>
6:30pm	<i>Arrival at National Press Club</i>
6:30pm – 9:30pm (3 hrs)	<b>OFFICIAL DINNER – National Press Club of Australia</b> Guest Speaker: Caitlin Figueiredo, Co-chair, Australian Youth Affairs Coalition and 2024 ACT Young Australian of the Year
9:30pm	<i>Bus departs for Pavilion on Northbourne Hotel</i>
9:45pm	Student Accommodation at Pavilion on Northbourne Hotel

<b>DAY 3 – Thursday 21 March 2024</b>	
6:45am – 7:45am (1 hr)	BREAKFAST AT PAVILION ON NORTHBOURNE (Conference Room)
7:45am – 8:30am (45 mins)	Room Check-out / load luggage on board (except for NT delegates)
8:45am	<i>Bus departs for National Museum of Australia</i>
9:00am – 11:00am (2 hrs) <i>National Museum of Australia</i>	<b>Visit National Museum of Australia</b> Brunch at National Museum of Australia
11:15am	<i>Bus departs for Parliament House</i>
11:45am – 12:15pm (30 min) <i>Parliament House</i>	<i>Clear security</i>
12:15pm – 12:55pm (40 mins) <i>Parliament House</i>	<b>Parliament House Tour</b>
1:00pm – 1:40pm (40 mins) <i>Theatrette, Parliament House</i>	<b>Prime Minister's Reception</b> Hosted by The Hon Patrick Gorman MP, Assistant Minister to the Prime Minister  <b>Meet Your Politician</b>
From 1:45pm <i>Parliament House</i>	<b>Attend House of Representatives Question Time</b>
3:00pm	Bus departs for Batch 1 departures (early departures)
3:45pm	Bus departs for Batch 2 departures NT delegates return to Pavilion on Northbourne Hotel

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