

PROGRAMME

**Is Section 44 of the Constitution relevant
in modern Australia?**

Parliament House/The Museum of Australian Democracy at Old
Parliament House, Canberra

20 to 22 MARCH 2018

23rd NATIONAL SCHOOLS

CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION






DAY 1

Tuesday 20 March 2018

Parliament House



12.15- 1.00pm	LUNCH AT IBIS NARRABUNDAH
1.00pm 	<i>Bus departs for Parliament House</i>
1.15 – 2.50pm	Clear security, briefing Parliament House by Parliamentary Education Office and attend Senate Question Time
2.50 – 3.10pm	Moving time
3.15 – 4.30pm Mural Hall Parliament House	Prime Minister's Welcome Reception The Hon Karen Andrews MP, Assistant Minister for Vocational Education and Skills officially representing the Hon Malcolm Turnbull MP, Prime Minister of Australia.
4.45pm 	<i>Bus departs for Mercure Hotel - Braddon</i>
5.15 – 6.00pm Mercure Hotel	Briefing of Students and Supervisors
6.00 – 8.00pm Mercure Hotel	DINNER
8.00pm 	<i>Bus departs for Tall Trees Motel - Ainslie</i>

DAY 2

Wednesday 21 March 2018
The Museum of Australian Democracy
at Old Parliament House



	BREAKFAST
7.45am	<i>Bus departs for The Museum of Australian Democracy at Old Parliament House</i>
8.15 – 8.45am The Museum of Australian Democracy at Old Parliament House	Photography session – Front entrance
8.50 – 9.00am House of Representatives Chamber	Welcome Welcome to country Emeritus Professor John Warhurst AO, Convention Facilitator Tina Brown, Ngunnawal woman
9.00 – 10.30am House of Representatives Chamber	Keynote 1 What is Section 44? Its purpose and impact Professor George Williams AO, Dean Faculty of Law, University of NSW The role of the High Court of Australia in determining if a person has contravened Section 44 – the process Andrew Phelan
10.30 – 11.00am House of Representatives Chamber	Official opening Senator the Hon Simon Birmingham Minister for Education and Training
11.00 – 11.20am	MORNING TEA
11.20am – Noon Breakout rooms	Working group 1 – Consideration of The House of Representatives Standing Committee on Legal and Constitutional Affairs Report on aspects of Section 44.
Noon – 12.30pm Members' Dining Room	Working group 1 report back
12.30 – 1.10pm	LUNCH
1.10 – 2.10pm Members' Dining Room	Panel – led by facilitator Emeritus Professor John Warhurst AO. Are all subclauses of Section 44 still relevant to today's society? Do they really matter? Speakers: Ryan Goss, ANU College of Law Professor Kim Rubenstein, ANU College of Law Professor George Williams AO, University of NSW
2.10 – 2.40pm Breakout rooms	Working group 2 – Is Section 44 appropriate for Australia today?
2.40 – 3.10pm Members' Dining Room	Working group 2 report back
3.10 – 3.30pm Members' Dining Room	Soap box session
3.35pm	<i>Bus departs for Government House</i>
4.00 – 5.00pm	Official Reception at Government House Hosted by the Governor-General and Lady Cosgrove
5.00pm	<i>Bus departs for Tall Trees Motel</i>
6.15pm	<i>Bus departs for High Court of Australia</i>
6.30pm	Arrival at High Court of Australia and tour
7.00pm	OFFICIAL DINNER – High Court of Australia Dinner Speaker – Zack Bryers, 2018 ACT Young Australian of the Year
9.15pm	<i>Bus departs for Tall Trees Motel</i>

DAY 3

Thursday 22 March 2018
The Museum of Australian Democracy
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	BREAKFAST
8.00am	<i>Bus departs for The Museum of Australian Democracy at Old Parliament House</i>
8.30 – 9.15am Members' Dining Room	Panel – Comparative jurisdictions – what happens in other countries? Charles Reeves Deputy High Commissioner High Commission of Canada, Canberra Andrew White First Secretary New Zealand High Commission, Canberra
9.15 – 10.00am Breakout rooms	Working group 3 – What changes, if any, would you make to Section 44 of the Constitution? (Supervisors' Meeting)
10.00 – 10.30am	MORNING TEA
10.30 – 11.00am Members' Dining Room	President of the Senate Senator the Hon Scott Ryan – Senator for Victoria
11.00 – 11.30am Members' Dining Room	Working group 3 report back
11.30am – 11.45 noon Members' Dining Room	Soapbox
11.45am – 12.05pm Members' Dining Room	Introduction of the Referendum question and referenda process Megan McCrone, Senior Education Officer, Australian Electoral Commission
12.05 – 12.15pm Members' Dining Room	Referendum – Australian Electoral Commission
12.15 – 1.00pm	LUNCH
1.00 – 1.05pm Members' Dining Room	Results of Referendum – Australian Electoral Commission Megan McCrone, Senior Education Officer, Australian Electoral Commission
1.05 – 1.30pm Members' Dining Room	Finalising the communiqué incorporating referendum results
1.30 – 2.45pm National Archives of Australia and the Museum of Australian Democracy	Presentations by the National Archives of Australia and the Museum of Australian Democracy at Old Parliament House
2.45 – 3.00pm House of Representatives Chamber	Gather in the House of Representatives Chamber - Final Reflections, thank you and farewell
3.00pm	<i>Convention close</i>

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