



Legal Aspects of the Voice

Date: 15 March 2023
Time: 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm AEDT
Place: Norton Rose Fulbright Lawyers, Level 38, 477 Collins Street Melbourne and online – this is a free event and a link will be provided prior

This event will focus on the proposed wording for the constitutional amendment to enshrine an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Voice in the Australian Constitution as well as the overall context and purpose of the amendment, and on the kind of implementing legislation that could be enacted if the amendment is approved.

The Australian Academy of Law is delighted to host this event, chaired by the Hon Pamela Tate AM KC.

The speakers will be:



Jill Gallagher AO. Jill is a proud Gunditjmara woman. She is the CEO of the Victorian Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation (VACCHO). She was the Victorian Treaty Advancement Commissioner for two years, from 2018-2019. In 2013 she was made an Officer of the Order of Australia. She has also been inducted into both the Victorian Honour Roll of Women and Victorian Aboriginal Honour Roll.



Peter Hanks KC. Peter practises predominantly in public law – administrative law and constitutional law. He appears regularly for Commonwealth and State government agencies, and against those agencies, in the Federal Court, High Court, Supreme Court, Commonwealth AAT and VCAT. He has published several books on constitutional law and administrative law.



Chris Horan KC. Chris specialises in public law, migration, revenue, equity and trusts. He previously worked in the Commonwealth Attorney-General's Department, in the office of General Counsel and as Counsel Assisting the Commonwealth Solicitor-General. Chris is currently co-editor of the Commonwealth Law Reports.



Frances Gordon SC. Frances practises in commercial and public law, with a particular expertise in constitutional law. She regularly appears in constitutional cases in the High Court, for plaintiffs, defendants and the Commonwealth and State Attorneys-General. Before coming to the Bar, Frances was an Associate to a Justice of the High Court of Australia, and she is co-author of *Constitutional Law in Australia* (4th ed, 2017).

Please join us for light refreshments after the presentations.

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