

National Rural/Regional Law and Justice Conference 19 – 21 November 2010

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

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Deakin University is pleased to present the first *National Rural/Regional Law and Justice Conference*, to be opened by the Chief Justice of the High Court of Australia, The Hon Justice Robert French.

The Conference Organising Committee welcomes the submission of abstracts for consideration for presentation at the conference.

You are invited to provide an abstract by **28 May, 2010** outlining a topic which you are interested in presenting at the conference.

The three themes of Social Justice, Practitioner Issues and Legal System Administration reflect the conference's aim to engage discussion across a wide variety of topics and disciplines which impact on law and justice issues for rural and regional Australia.

Please find below suggestions of topics under each theme - alternative topics are most welcome.

Social Justice Issues (vacancies available)

- Establishing a rural and regional voice in law reform.
- Serving the legal needs of disadvantaged groups in rural communities.
- Indigenous youth snapshot of issues and innovative responses.
- Social justice and climate change in rural Australia

Legal System Administration (vacancies available)

- Implementing restorative and therapeutic justice processes in rural and regional Australia.
- Policing in rural Australia.
- Communicating with rural regional courts – the role of technology.
- Punishment fit the crime – Penalties disadvantage for rural and regional communities

Practitioner Issues (limited vacancies)

- Attracting and maintaining skilled legal practitioners and graduates in rural and regional Australia.
- Serving the changing needs of the rural/regional small business client.
- The business of legal practice in rural/regional Australia - case studies, innovative rural and regional legal practice.
- Educating graduates to practice in rural communities.

Abstracts can be lodged at the Conference website www.deakin.edu.au/rrconference