



Perpetual Foundation Thought Leadership Seminar

REFORMING FUNDRAISING REGULATION

Presented by Prof Myles McGregor-Lowndes

and

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Hear about what works and doesn't work overseas –What does Australia need?

For over fifteen years inquiries have recommended harmonised or national fundraising regulation for Australia. The Ministerial Council on Consumer Affairs (MCCA) is now undertaking a project to harmonise fundraising legislation under the oversight of COAG's Business Regulation and Competition Working Group. At present, fundraising regulation ranges from no regulation in some jurisdictions to significant regulation in other jurisdictions.

MCCA will issue a paper exploring the options for harmonised NFP fundraising laws in early 2011 which will explore the arrangements for the administration and enforcement of these laws, as well as their detailed content, and their interaction with the regulatory framework for NFP governance and accountability.

Event details are as follows:

Date: Thursday, 28 April 2011

Time: **10:30am** start – **12:00pm** finish
(Light refreshments will be served upon arrival)

Venue: Perpetual
Angel Place
Level 12, 123 Pitt Street, Sydney NSW 2000
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by **COB Monday 18 April 2011**

Prof Myles McGregor-Lowndes is the Director of the Australian of The Australian Centre of Philanthropy and Nonprofit Studies, Business School, Queensland University of Technology. His research interests include the law, regulation and taxation of nonprofit organisations. A solicitor, he is a consultant to McCullough Robertson Lawyers to national and international nonprofit organisations and foundations. He is also a founding member of the ATO Charities Consultative Committee and a former advisor to the Board of Taxation, and member of the Queensland Community Foundation and Community Gaming Benefit Fund. Myles has recently been involved in writing and editing *Modernising Charity Law: recent developments and future directions* (Elgar 2010) and *Charity Law and Social Policy: National and international Perspectives on the Functions of the law relating to charities* (Springer, 2008). In 2009 and was seconded to the Productivity Commission for their work on not for profit organizations. In June 2003, Myles was awarded a Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) "For service to the community by providing education and support in legal, financial and administrative matters to nonprofit organisations."

Dr. Oonagh Breen is a Senior Lecturer at the School of Law, University College Dublin where her teaching includes comparative charity law and policy. A graduate of UCD and Yale Law School and a qualified barrister, her research appraises the potential for the development of more structured legal relationships between the State and the non-profit sector from the joint perspectives of regulation of the sector and facilitation of its work in a comparative context. A former Fulbright Scholar and holder of an Emerging Scholar Award from ARNOVA (2006), Oonagh was awarded an ICNL/Cordaid Distinguished Research Award in 2008 for her work in the area of European regulation of charitable organization. Oonagh has spent time as a visiting Research Fellow at the Hauser Centre for Nonprofits, Harvard (2009) and as a visiting Scholar at the Dennis J. Block Center for the Study of International Business Law, Brooklyn Law School (2010). She has published extensively in the field of charity regulation both nationally and internationally and has participated actively in policy processes leading to the reform of charity law, including fundraising regulation, in Ireland. Most recently, she was appointed to the Special Advisory Council of the International Center for Not-for-Profit Law, Washington DC.

Putnam Barber is Senior Advisor, Nancy Bell Evans Center on Nonprofit and Philanthropy, Evans School of Public Affairs, University of Washington, Seattle, Washington, USA, and Senior Researcher, Action Without Borders – Idealist.org. He has served since its formation in 2008 as a member the Charities Advisory Council appointed by the Secretary of State of the state of Washington to advise the fundraising regulation program operated by that office. He is a member of the editorial board of *Nonprofit and Voluntary Action Quarterly*, the journal of the Association for Research on Nonprofits and Voluntary Action. Recently he has initiated a study of the history of regulation of charitable solicitations in the United States during the second half of the 20th century under the auspices of the Center on Nonprofits and Philanthropy of The Urban Institute, Washington, DC.

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