

# 39th Annual ALAANZ Conference Program Overview



## Wednesday, 3 May – Day 1

4:00pm **Conference Registration**  
6:00 - 8:00pm **Welcome Cocktail Function**  
*Sponsored by HWL Ebsworth*

## Thursday, 4 May – Day 2

8:15 - 8:55am **Arrival tea and coffee**  
*Coffee Cart sponsored by Sparke Helmore Lawyers*

8:55 - 9:00am **Welcome and Opening**  
**Keira Nelson**, ALAANZ Conference Chair;  
Partner, Norton White

9:00 - 9:45am **Keynote Opening Address**  
The Honourable Justice Mark Leeming,  
NSW Court of Appeal  
*There and back again – the last quarter century*

9:45 - 10:30am **David Boughen Memorial Address**  
Michael Gill, Director, Legal Affairs & External  
Relations, International Civil Aviation  
Organisation (ICAO)  
*Outcomes of the 41st Session of the ICAO Assembly -  
Why air law Matters*

10:30 - 11:00am **Morning Tea**

11:00 - 12:15pm **Session 1**  
*Session sponsored by Kennedys Legal Solutions*  
Australian and Pacific  
Airline Update  
**Panel session - Panel Moderator**  
**Anita Quy**, Partner, Kennedys Legal Solutions  
**Panel members**  
**Peter Seares**, Executive General Counsel  
& Company Secretary, Fiji Airways  
**Professor Ron Bartsch**, Director of Regional  
Express (Rex Airlines) and Chair of their Board  
Safety, Environment & Risk Management  
Committee  
**Jackie Quang**, Head of Legal, Qantas Airlines

12:15 - 1:30pm **Lunch**  
*Sponsored by McLaren Aviation*

1:30 - 3:00pm

## Session 2

Products Liability: Aviation Accident  
Investigation and Litigation

**Panel Session – Panel Moderator**  
**Mark Sainsbury**, Partner, Sparke Helmore Lawyers

**Ming Li**, Principal Lawyer, Australian Transport  
and Safety Bureau (ATSB)

**Ken Quinn**, Partner, Clyde & Co LLP, Washington USA

**Peng Lim**, Head of Aviation Claims, Liberty Specialty  
Markets, London

3:00 - 3:30pm

**Afternoon Tea**

3:30 - 4:15pm

## Session 3

Environment

**Session Chair - Eoghan McCarthy**, Account Director,  
Aerosure, a WTW company; Willis Australia Limited

**Dr Harriet Gray**, Principal Adviser/Consumer Product  
Safety Division, Childcare Inquiry & Sustainability Taskforce,  
Australian Competition & Consumer Commission (ACCC)  
*ACCC's approach against Greenwashing*

**Paul Zissermann**, Sustainable Aviation and Future  
Mobility Manager, Phantom Works - Boeing Defense  
and Space  
*Aviation's pathways to decarbonisation*

4:15 - 5:15pm

## Session 4

*Session sponsored by CASA*

Aviation Regulation and Work Health  
and Safety

**Panel Session - Session Moderator**  
**Jonathan Aleck**, Executive Manager Legal, International  
and Regulatory Affairs, CASA

**Darren Cook**, Principal Consultant & Team Lead Qinetiq  
Australia, Deputy Chief Engineer Surveillance & Response  
System Program Office CASG Defence

**Tom Brennan**, Senior Counsel, 13 Wentworth Chambers  
**Adam Anastasi**, Manager, Advisory and Drafting Branch,  
Legal, International and Regulatory Affairs Division (LIRA),  
Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA)

6:30 - 10:00

**Conference Dinner**  
*Sponsored by Aerosure, a WTW company*  
The Mint, 10 Macquarie Street, Sydney NSW 2000

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### Friday, 5 May – Day 3

8:45 - 9:15am

**Arrival tea and coffee**

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9:15 - 10:00am

#### Session 5

**Aviation White Paper**

**Session Chair - Matthew Brooks**, Partner,  
HWL Ebsworth Lawyers

**Jason Dymowski**, Assistant Secretary,  
Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional  
Development, Communications and the Arts  
*Aviation White Paper*

10:00 - 10:30pm

#### Session 6

**Australian Insurance Market  
Update**

**Session Chair - Andrew Tulloch**, Partner,  
Colin Biggers and Paisley

**Pat Doherty**, Chief Executive Officer, Aerosure;  
a WTW Company  
*Global Aviation Insurance Market Update*

**Michael McNamara**, Head of Aviation and Marine,  
QBE Insurance Australia  
*Insurance Market Update*

10:30 - 11:00am

**Morning Tea**

11:00 - 12:00pm

#### Session 7

*Session sponsored by Norton White*

**Australian Airlines War Risk  
Insurance and the Threat  
of Nuclear Action**

**Session Chair - Keira Nelson**, Partner, Norton White

**Marie Hughes**, Manager, Insurance, Virgin Australia  
*Australian Airlines War Risk Insurance and the Threat  
of Nuclear Action*

**Nick Humphrey**, Partner, Norton White  
*Impact of Geopolitical Events on Aviation War*

12:00 - 12:30pm

#### Session 8

**Aviation Cases - a Year in Review**

**Session Chair - Geoff Hirst**, Manager, McLaren's Aviation

**Henry Cooper**, Barrister, New Chambers

12:30 - 12:45pm

**AGM**

12:45 - 2:00pm

**Lunch**

*Sponsored by Charles Taylor Aviation*

2:00 - 2:45pm

#### Session 9

**Emerging Technology**

**Session Chair - Shannon O'Hara**, Senior Legal  
Counsel, Aviation, QBE

**Oleg Vornik**, Chief Executive Officer, DronesShield  
*Drones and Airports: A Recipe for Disaster*

**Marion Hiriart**, Aviation Strategy and Government  
Relations Manager, Swoop Aero  
*Beyond Borders: Addressing Regulatory Challenges  
in Global Drone Logistics Operations*

2:45 - 4:00pm

#### Session 10

**Airports**

**Panel session - Panel Moderator**

**Mark Gray-Spencer**, Principal, GSG Legal

**Panel Members**

**Louise Martin**, Head of Legal & Privacy Officer,  
Auckland Airport

**Joanne Khoo**, General Counsel & Company Secretary,  
Cairns Airport

**Matt Fisher**, Legal & Corporate Affairs Manager,  
Adelaide Airport

4:00 - 4:15pm

**Conference Close**