



The Western Australian Parliamentary Counsel's Office is delighted to invite you to the

### **Australasian PCC/CALC 2025 Regional Drafting Conference**

The conference will be held at Beaumonde on the Point, Perth, Western Australia, and run over 3 days - Wednesday 26 February to Friday 28 February 2025.

Start and finish times will be confirmed at a later date, but it is expected that the conference will start at around 11 am on the Wednesday and finish around 1 pm on the Friday.

A welcome reception will be held at Government House, Perth, on the Wednesday evening, and a 3-course conference dinner will be held at Beaumonde on the Point on the Thursday evening.

The full conference registration fee of A\$350 covers attendance at the conference, the welcome reception and the conference dinner.

Partners are welcome to attend either or both of the following:

- the welcome reception (at no additional cost)
- the dinner (for an additional payment of A\$150).

All fees include GST.

Please register for the conference no later than **Friday 25 October 2024**. The registration link is below. Please read the registration and payment information before completing your registration.

Attached are:

- a payment form for individual payments (see below)
- an information sheet with some accommodation options in Perth (some with special conference rates), how to get to the conference venue, a link to get information about applying for a visa to enter Australia and some suggestions for things to do while in Perth
- a speaker application form.

## How do I register?

The registration link enables:

- full registration for the conference (including the welcome reception and conference dinner)
- registration for partner attendance at the welcome reception, or the dinner, or both.

Each person attending the conference (full registration) needs to complete a separate registration form, even if a number of persons are attending from the same drafting office or other organisation. This is so that we can identify each person's requirements (such as dietary preferences).

The registration form for full registration also enables you to register for partner attendance at the same time. Just select both options at the start of the registration process.

The requirements for payment for registration are set out below. Please read these requirements before you complete your registration.

[Register here](#)

## How do I pay?

Different arrangements apply depending on whether you are paying for your registration (individual payment), or your office or organisation is paying for your registration (bulk payment).

### *Individual payment:*

If you are paying for your registration, or your partner's registration, or both, please:

- tick the box/es in the registration form for individual payment; and
- once you have completed your registration, make your payment in accordance with the instructions in the attached payment form and email the completed form to

[ARFinanceDebtors@justice.wa.gov.au](mailto:ARFinanceDebtors@justice.wa.gov.au)

### *Bulk payment:*

If your office or organisation is paying for your registration, please tick the box in the registration form for bulk payment.

Do not complete the attached payment form. A “customer creation form” will be sent to your office or organisation (as indicated on your registration form) so that we can create a tax invoice for the bulk payment.

A bulk payment can include payment for partner attendance at the dinner only, so that an office or organisation can recover this payment from the conference attendee or partner separately.

### **Need a visa to enter Australia?**

The registration form allows you to indicate whether you need a visa to enter Australia, and if so whether you need a letter of invitation to enable you to apply for a visa.

### **Want to present at the conference?**

Please complete the attached speaker application form and send it to: [conference@pco.wa.gov.au](mailto:conference@pco.wa.gov.au) no later than **Friday 11 October 2024**.

Each presentation at the conference will generally be allowed 15-20 minutes, with time afterwards for questions/comments. Suggestions for panel sessions are also welcome.

While presentations in person are preferred, it may be possible to accept a pre-recording of your presentation if you are unable to attend the conference in person. Please indicate this on your speaker application form.

There is no theme for the conference. Presentations are invited on any topic of interest to drafters, editors and translators of legislation. Possible topics include the following:

- technology and legislative drafting, e.g. use of artificial intelligence in drafting, technology-neutral legislation
- recent developments in statutory interpretation
- editorial powers to keep legislation up to date/correct errors
- developments in plain language (clear drafting)
- subordinate legislation, e.g. scrutiny, disallowance
- innovations in accessibility of legislation
- ethical duties of legislative drafters
- educating instructors about the drafting process
- training of legislative drafters
- drafting office management.

## **Got a query about the conference?**

For queries about the conference, please email [conference@pco.wa.gov.au](mailto:conference@pco.wa.gov.au).

We look forward to welcoming you to Perth in February 2025.

WA Parliamentary Counsel's Office