I invite you to register for a major conference on constitutional law to be held in Sydney on Friday 14 February 2014 at the Art Gallery of New South Wales. The conference dinner will be held at New South Wales Parliament House and will be hosted by New South Wales Attorney-General, the Hon Greg Smith SC. Participants at this event will be updated on recent important developments in the High Court, Federal Court and State Courts and will gain an understanding of the issues that will emerge in 2014 and beyond. The conference will be addressed by leading practitioners, academics and judges.

This event has been organised by the Gilbert + Tobin Centre of Public Law at the Faculty of Law, University of New South Wales, with the support of the Australian Association of Constitutional Law. For more information on the Centre and about this event see www.gtcentre.unsw.edu.au.

I hope to see you in Sydney on Friday 14 February 2014

Professor Rosalind Dixon
Acting Director, Gilbert + Tobin Centre of Public Law
**Session One:**
The Courts on Constitutional Law: The 2013 Term

**Speakers:**
Professor Adrienne Stone, Melbourne Law School
The High Court on Constitutional Law: The 2013 Term

The Hon Justice Mark Leeming, NSW Court of Appeal
The Federal and State Courts on Constitutional Law: The 2013 Term

Professor George Williams, UNSW
Statistics on the 2013 High Court Term

**Chair:**
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**Session Two:**
Recent Cases: Implied Freedoms

**Speakers:**
Professor Katharine Gelber, University of Queensland
Monis v The Queen; A-G South Australia v City of Adelaide – Consequences for Freedom of Expression

Associate Professor Joo-Cheong Tham, Melbourne Law School
Unions NSW v State of NSW – The Constitution & Electoral Finance

Dr Albert Dinelli, Victorian Bar

**Chair:**
Mr Jeremy Kirk SC, NSW Bar

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Recent Cases: Chapter III & the Kable Doctrine

**Speakers:**
Associate Professor James Stellios, ANU
State of NSW v Kable – The Doctrine Revisited through the Lens of Tort Law

Ms Joanna Davidson, NSW Solicitor General’s Chambers
Magaming v The Queen – The Constitution, the Judicial Process & Sentencing

Mr Michael Izzo, NSW Bar

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Strangers Dining Room, New South Wales Parliament House
Macquarie Street, Sydney

Hosted by the Hon Greg Smith SC, NSW Attorney-General

**Speaker:**
Senator the Hon George Brandis QC, Commonwealth Attorney-General, “The Constitution in 2030”