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
8.30 am
Registration and coffee

9.00 am

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:
Professor **Rosalind Dixon**, UNSW

10.45 am

Morning tea

11.15 am

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

12.45 pm

Lunch

1.45 pm

Session Three:
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
Chair:
The Hon Justice **Melissa Perry**, Federal Court of Australia

3.15 pm

Afternoon tea

3.45 pm

Session Four:
Commonwealth Executive Power – Questions after the Chaplains Case

Speakers:
Mr **Stephen McLeish** SC, Solicitor-General for Victoria
Section 109: Current Law, Current Controversies
Dr **Amelia Simpson**, ANU
Fortescue Metals Group v The Commonwealth – Discrimination & Fiscal Federalism
Professor **A.J. Brown**, Griffith University
Federal Grants & Local Government – The Referendum That Wasn’t
Chair:
The Hon Chief Justice **Wayne Martin** AC, Supreme Court of Western Australia

5.15 pm

Conference close

5.30 pm

Book Launch by the Hon Justice **Stephen Gageler**: Human Rights under the Australian Constitution (by George Williams & David Hume)

DINNER 7.00 pm for 7.30 pm

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”