

2026 Land Court Annual Conference

Guest Speakers



The Honourable Deb Frecklington MP

is Queensland's Attorney-General, Minister for Justice, and Minister for Integrity.



As Attorney-General, Deb has responsibility for Queensland's legal, justice and governance systems. Her priorities include delivering a justice system that puts victims' rights first and enhances community safety. She is focused on boosting the capacity of justice services to expedite cases, increasing support and transparency for victims, strengthening regional access to justice, implementing reforms to enhance transparency and accountability, and supporting initiatives that uphold public trust in government institutions.

Deb holds degrees in law and business and was first elected to the Queensland Parliament in 2012. As the Member for Nanango, her electorate spans 18,122 square kilometres and encompasses 48 unique townships and communities. She takes immense pride in being a strong voice for victims across Queensland.

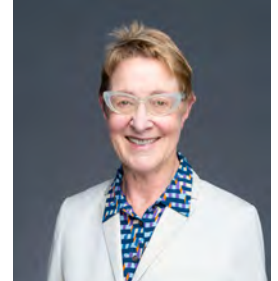


Rebecca Hoare has over 25 years' legal experience and practices in environmental and planning law, climate change and sustainability. She has been recognised by Doyle's Guide as a Preeminent Lawyer in

Environment & Heritage Law. She has also been recognised by peers in the Best Lawyers list for mining law, planning and environment law, climate change law and land use and zoning law.

Justice Nicola Pain

was appointed a Judge of the Land and Environment Court of New South Wales in 2002. Prior to her appointment, she served as Director of the Environmental Defenders Office and held senior roles in environmental law and policy across New South Wales and Australian Government departments. She is an Adjunct Professor at the University of Sydney Law School, Chair of the Australian Centre for Climate and Environmental Law Advisory Board, and a member of the IUCN World Commission on Environmental Law. In 2026 her Honour received the Law Council of Australia's Eminent Environmental Lawyer Award for Excellence.



Anthony Cassimatis AM is a Professor at the TC Beirne School of Law, the University of Queensland. Anthony teaches administrative law and public international law. He is the Deputy Director of the Centre for Public, International and Comparative Law at the University of Queensland. He is also a member of the Australian Red Cross' International Humanitarian Law Committee for Queensland and served as chair of this committee from 2005-2018.

Anthony is the author or co-author of 5 books and numerous articles and book chapters on public international law, administrative law and legal advocacy. He is the editor of the Australian International Law Journal. Anthony was a Visiting Fellow at the Lauterpacht Centre for International Law at Cambridge University in 2007 and 2018. In 2020, Anthony was made a Member of the Order of Australia, General Division, "[f]or significant service to education, to the law, and to the community".





Amy Rosanowski is a Deputy Director-General with Queensland's Department of Natural Resources and Mines, Manufacturing and Regional and Rural Development, leading its Lands Division.

An experienced leader with over 20 years' experience working across federal and state government, and non-government sectors, Amy leads the Lands Division to deliver a range of land and property services in Queensland.

Previously, Amy has led a number of strategic and operational areas to support the administration of Queensland's taxation, fines, grants and royalty systems.

As well as a Bachelor of Commerce, Amy also holds an Executive Masters in Public Administration. With a robust skill set that includes policy, research, leadership and strategic planning, Amy has a strong belief in the value of public sector work. She is committed to innovation, customer focus and continuous improvement, supported by a diverse and engaged workforce.



Patrick Nevard is in practice at the private bar in Brisbane. He practices in:

- general commercial disputes, including contractual claims, restitutionary claims, tort and misleading conduct claims, and claims for equitable and declaratory relief;
- litigation particularly concerned with major infrastructure and resources projects; and
- judicial review, merits review and other public law proceedings, including proceedings in relation to State land and resources in the Land Court of Queensland (and analogous proceedings in the Northern Territory).

Although now a resident of the metropolitan southeast, Patrick has a longstanding fondness for rural Queensland, having spent his formative years living in the far north of the State on a pastoral property and adjoining nature conservation reserve.

Lauren Caldwell is a Special Counsel in the Planning and Environment Group at Corrs Chambers Westgarth. Specialising in a range of planning issues Lauren acts for numerous private developers, infrastructure provider and local government clients in Queensland in the planning, regulatory and infrastructure spheres. In addition, Lauren has also conducted resumption matters in the Land Court, advised on environmental due diligence matters, including Native Title issues, and provided technical environmental and planning assistance on large projects. Lauren was a general referee on the Building and Development Disputes Resolution Committee (now Development Tribunal) and is a regular contributor to the Queensland Environmental Law Association.



Damien O'Brien has a broad ranging commercial practice with particular emphasis on commercial litigation and advisory work in the fields of resources, building and construction, corporations, insurance, insolvency,

property and professional negligence. He is an experienced trial and appellate advocate, practising mainly in the Queensland Supreme Court's Commercial and Supervised Case Lists, the Queensland Court of Appeal and Federal Court.

Damien was formerly Vice President of the Bar Association of Queensland between 2020 and 2022 and President between 2022 and 2024. He is currently Vice President of the Australian Bar Association.

Warwick Squire is a highly experienced executive with more than 25 years' experience across the public sector, specialising in leadership, policy development, operational management, and stakeholder engagement across the resources, energy, agriculture, and natural resource management sectors.



Warwick joined Coexistence Queensland in 2020 and has led the organisation through significant growth, including its transition from GasFields Commission Queensland and the expansion of its role across Queensland's resources and energy sectors.

Warwick serves as both Chief Executive Officer of Coexistence Queensland and Queensland's Land Access Ombudsman. While the two functions are related, they perform distinct roles. Coexistence Queensland supports informed and constructive engagement between stakeholders, while the Land Access Ombudsman provides fair and impartial assistance in resolving eligible land access disputes.

Throughout his career, Warwick has led multidisciplinary teams responsible for addressing complex land use, resource development, and community engagement matters. He has extensive experience working across government, industry, and regional communities, and is recognised for his ability to build trusted relationships, facilitate constructive conversations, and bring people together to work through competing priorities and complex issues.

Warwick is known for his authentic leadership style and strong personal integrity. His ability to communicate effectively with people at all levels has helped build a reputation as a respected leader who can guide organisations through complex challenges while maintaining a clear focus on practical outcomes.

Mayor Kathy Duff grew up on the family property "Di Di" Station that was selected in 1916 by her Grandfather John Patrick Duff who also served as a Councillor. A strong family history of supporting our region, Kathy's brother was also a Councillor on the former Wondai Council. Kathy runs her own cattle grazing and timber business. She has a keen interest in the equine industry including judging horses at local Shows as well as pursuing her hobby as a Silversmith when she can find time. Kathy is involved in numerous community organisations and in 2019 at the Local Government Conference in Cairns she received the prestigious Peak Services Butch Lenton Award for her work helping to rebuild the town of Proston. In 2023 Kathy was honoured to receive the Weekly Times and Harvey Norman Shine Award for dedication. This award celebrates rural women across Australia.



Mayor Duff is honoured to have been elected to serve as the first female Mayor of the South Burnett. She believes that the South Burnett is a dynamic region with huge opportunities for growth. Mayor Duff is keen to support existing businesses but also to attract new industries and growth for the region. She is passionate about everyone working together as a region but she is also keen to ensure that individual towns, small villages and rural communities all get a strong voice across the Council table.



Amber Wenck is currently the Acting Executive Director of Georesources Policy, leading the Department of Natural Resources and Mines, Manufacturing and Regional and Rural Development's policy team, which is responsible for

providing strategic policy advice and leading policy development for Queensland's resources sector, supporting government priorities across exploration, resources regulation, land access, coexistence and emerging resource opportunities.