

NEW SOUTH WALES SCHOOLS STATE CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION
We acknowledge the Cadigal, traditional owners of the land on which we meet

PROGRAM

The Parliament of New South Wales
Monday 16 February 2009

- 8.30** Registration of delegates, allocation of groups
[Theatrette Foyer]
- 9.20** **WELCOME AND OFFICIAL OPENING** *[Theatrette]*
The Hon. Richard Torbay MP, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly
- 9.30** **Outline of program by chairperson:**
- 9.35** **KEYNOTE SPEAKER /S AND QUESTIONS:**
- Topic 1:** *The powers of the Commonwealth Parliament - too much or too little?*
and
- Topic 2:** *Should the Australian Constitution provide specific Human Rights protection?*
- Keynote Speakers:**
- o Professor Larissa Behrendt, Professor of Law and Director of Research at the Jumbunna Indigenous House of Learning, UTS; and
 - o Dr Andrew Lynch, Director of the Gilbert + Tobin Center of Public Law, Faculty of Law, UNSW.
 - o Krista Leigh-Jones, Policy Officer, Australian Human Rights Commission, will also provide an update on and opportunity to participate in the new National Human Rights Consultation process.
- 10.45** **MORNING TEA** *[Strangers' Lounge]*
- 11.15** **GROUP DISCUSSION OF ISSUES - First Session**
RED: Waratah Room **BLACK:** Legislative Council Chamber
BLUE: Legislative Assembly Chamber **YELLOW:** Parkes Room
GREEN: Legislative Council Members Room **WHITE:** Jubilee Room
- 12.45** **LUNCH** *[Jubilee Room]*
- 1.30** **GROUP DISCUSSION OF ISSUES - Second Session** *[Allocated locations]*
Completion and review of group presentation for Plenary. Selection of delegates to National Convention
- 2.00** **PLENARY SESSION:** *[Legislative Assembly Chamber]*
Group Views (Reporters)
General Vote on Propositions:
1. The powers of Commonwealth Parliament should be extended to recognise the growth in its role since Federation.
2. The Australian Constitution should provide specific Human Rights protection.
Soap box (anyone's views)
Presentation of Certificates
Announcement of delegates to National Convention
- 3:00** **CLOSE**

