The Centre for Legal Governance at Macquarie Law School and RSPCA Australia are hosting a one-day conference on the future of animal law in Australia. The Conference is an annual event for the Centre, which examines key legal developments anticipated in the year ahead. This year the conference will examine pivotal issues relating to animals and the law, including the regulation and governance of animal welfare policy and standard-setting, the intersection between human liberties and animal protection laws, and the future role and impact of public interest litigation for animals.

Speakers:

**Bearing the Burden: Shifting Responsibility for the Welfare of the Beast**
Ms Elizabeth Ellis, University of Wollongong

**Captured by Design: The Story of Farm Animal Welfare Regulation in Australia**
Mr Jed Goodfellow, Macquarie Law School & Policy Officer, RSPCA Australia

**What Indeed have Athens, Jerusalem and Bodhgaya to do with Animal Law? Religion and its Relationship with the Future of Animal Law**
Ven. Alex Bruce, Buddhist Monk, ANU College of Law

**Animal Welfare Policy in the Australian Agricultural Sector**
Mr Phillip Glyde, Deputy Secretary, Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry

**Improving Welfare Outcomes in the Live Export Trade? The Supply Chain Assurance Framework One Year On**
Ms Celeste Black, Sydney Law School, University of Sydney

**Strategic Public Interest Litigation**
Mr Graeme McEwen, Barrister, Victoria; Chair, Barristers Animal Welfare Panel

**Intensive Factory Farming, Administrative Law Values and the Rule of Law**
Dr Melissa Perry QC FAAL, Barrister, NSW

**Animal Welfare: Lost in Translation**
Ms Kathleen Plowman, General Manager Policy, Australian Pork Limited

**Keynote Address:**
Prof Robert Garner, University of Leicester, UK - Animal Rights in a Non-ideal World

Presented by the Centre for Legal Governance, Macquarie Law School and RSPCA Australia
As Dean of Macquarie Law School, I invite you to join us for this exciting conference on the Future of Animal Law. The conference is sponsored by the Macquarie Centre for Legal Governance, which examines cutting-edge areas in different areas of law, from migration to international law and human rights. We are delighted to host this year’s conference in association with the RSPCA, and look forward to welcoming you to an outstanding line-up of speakers and panellists.

**Professor Natalie Klein**
Dean, Macquarie Law School

RSPCA Australia is excited to be collaborating with the Centre for Legal Governance to bring you this important event. The RSPCA has been monitoring the recent growth of animal law with much interest. It certainly appears that this burgeoning field of academic inquiry and legal practice will play an increasingly important role in the future development of animal welfare policy and law in Australia. This conference brings together leading experts in the field from academia, the legal profession, government and industry and will be of interest to everyone who is concerned about the welfare of animals. I look forward to participating in what is set to be a stimulating exchange of ideas with you all.

**Lynne Bradshaw**
President, RSPCA Australia

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**Time:**

- 8.30am - 9.00am: Registration
- 9.00am - 4.50pm: Conference
- 5.00pm - 7.00pm: Reception sponsored by the Australian Academy of Law

**Cost:**

- Full Fee: $250.00
- Full Time Student: $150.00 (Limited space available)

**Registration closing date:**

Friday 28 September 2012

**Registration & further information:**

To register please visit [www.arts.mq.edu.au/animallaw](http://www.arts.mq.edu.au/animallaw) or contact Project Coordinator, Shideh Modabber, shideh.modabber@mq.edu.au

Legal practitioners are able to claim up to one MCLE (CPD) point for each hour of attendance at the Conference.

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**Centre for Legal Governance:**

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**RSPCA Australia:**

The RSPCA is a federated, community based charity that works to prevent cruelty to animals by actively promoting their care and protection. The work of the RSPCA includes the operation of animal shelters, enforcement of state and territory animal welfare legislation and community education. Through its national campaigns and liaison with government and industry, the RSPCA also strives to improve policy and legislation in relation to the welfare of animals.

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**Australian Academy of Law:**

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