



LABOUR LAW SEMINAR

‘Light-touch’ Labour Regulation as a State Government Response to Work Choices

The introduction of Work Choices, if the scheme be constitutionally valid, has profound implications for labour law and labour market regulation in Australia. Among other things, it will significantly constrain the ability of State Governments to regulate labour markets directly, other than for a relatively small proportion of the workers in each jurisdiction. Against this background, John Howe will speak about his research into the actual and potential use by Australian State Governments of ‘light-touch’ labour regulation, including the use of procurement rules, financial grants, codes of practice and ‘best practice’ case studies.

Dr John Howe is a Senior Lecturer in the Law School at the University of Melbourne, and is a member of both the Centre for Employment and Labour Relations Law, and the Centre for Corporate Law and Securities Regulation at Melbourne Law School. John has written extensively on mechanisms of labour regulation, and the intersection between state-based regulation and corporate governance. Before starting an academic career, John worked in private legal practice, and also as a researcher for public policy and advocacy organisations in the United States. He is the Secretary of the Australian Labour Law Association, and the Reports Editor for the *Australian Journal of Labour Law*.

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TIME: 1.00 pm

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A Light lunch will be served