



THE PALMER ACT: THE RULE OF LAW UNDER STATE CONSTITUTIONS

DATE: Thursday, 15 September 2022
TIME: 5.00 pm (Perth) 7.00 pm (AEST)
PLACE: Online Microsoft Teams – this is a free event and a link will be provided prior

The Australian Academy of Law and Australian Association of Constitutional Law (WA Chapter) is delighted to host this event, chaired by Professor Sarah Murray

Dr Murray Wesson and Dr Paul Burgess will discuss the broad theoretical basis of what the rule of law is, the status of the rule of law in Australian constitutional law; how the rule of law featured in the submissions in *Palmer v The State of Western Australia* [2021] HCA 31 and *Mineralogy v The State of Western Australia* [2021] HCA 30; and how these issues were ultimately resolved by the High Court.

SPEAKERS

Dr Murray Wesson is a Senior Lecturer in the Law School, University of Western Australia. His teaching and research focus on constitutional law, human rights law and legal theory. He has published particularly on the implied freedom of political communication in Australian constitutional law and social and economic rights in South African constitutional law. He has previously taught at the University of Leeds, the Central European University and the University of KwaZulu-Natal.



Dr Paul Burgess is interested in all things related to the rule of law. In doing this, he works within and is interested in legal theory, legal history, political theory, public law, economics, and constitutional theory. Paul teaches in Public Law as well as several subjects related to Artificial Intelligence at Monash University. He has also taught Public Law, Constitutional Theory, Human Rights, and Jurisprudence at University College London – where he was shortlisted for the *UCL Provost Education Award 2020*.



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