

Western Australia Branch Conference 2001

Novotel Vines Resort - Perth

11-12 May

The second Western Australia Branch Convention provided the opportunity to take stock of the amendments introduced on 5 October 1999 to the *Workers Compensation and Rehabilitation Act 1981* (WA). The contribution of APLA to the electoral campaign of the Gallop Government was acknowledged with appreciation by representatives of the incoming government which APLA looks forward to working with in the implementation of legislative reforms aimed at promoting greater equity and fairness within the State's workers compensation system.

Keynote speakers included the Honourable Mr John Kobelke MLA (Minister for Labour Relations), the Honourable Mr Jim Smith MLC, and the Honourable Mr Jim McGinty MLA (Attorney General) all of whom addressed the policy issues concerning the workers compensation system in WA, while Mr Harry Neesham (Executive Director of WorkCover (WA)) delivered a lunchtime address concerning HIH/FAI and the Supplementation Fund.


At the end of each day formal question and answer sessions were convened, comprised by a panel of experts



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(medical and legal) for the purposes of discussion of any issues raised by the wide range of speakers. Some of the presentation topics included negotiations from the defendant's perspective, criminal injuries compensation, landlords' liability to tenants, and the District Court's practice of discounting damages for contingencies.

Importantly, APLA would like to thank the sponsors of the convention, in particular our major sponsor Unisearch.

Finally, from all the members of the APLA WA Branch, a special word of acknowledgement and thanks should go to Mr Sukhwant Singh (President) and Mr Matthew Glossop (Vice President) for their time and effort in organising the convention. 



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