

## Women in Government

# Tackling Sexism, Sexual Harassment and Gender Discrimination in the Workplace

A recent survey of women lawyers working in government identified gender equity and open discussion of unconscious bias within the workplace as being issues of significant importance to our members. The recent Victorian Equal Opportunity and Human Rights Commission review into sex discrimination and sexual harassment at Victoria Police highlighted these issues.

Join Victorian Women Lawyers and Russell Kennedy Lawyers for a discussion as to the issues facing female government lawyers in their workplaces from a number of perspectives, and how these barriers are being addressed and overcome.

To help you get the most out of the seminar, we invite you to submit a question for our panel when registering via the online form.

#### DATE

Tuesday 19 July 2016

#### TIME

7.30am for breakfast and networking  
Seminar from 8.00 to 9.00am

#### LOCATION

Russell Kennedy Lawyers  
Level 12, 469 La Trobe Street  
Melbourne Vic 3000

#### COST

Free for VWL members  
\$10 for non-members

#### REGISTRATION

Register by Tuesday 12 July 2016  
[www.vwl.asn.au/events](http://www.vwl.asn.au/events)

This event is open to women and men  
(including children)

This professional development activity contains content that may meet the Continuing Professional Development (CPD) needs of lawyers. If this session does meet your CPD needs according to the LIV CPD Rules 2008 you may claim 1 CPD unit for each hour of attendance (breaks excluded).

#### OUR SPECIAL GUESTS ARE:



#### CATHERINE DIXON, VICTORIAN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY & HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION

Catherine Dixon is the Director, Commissioner's Office, and has 17 years' experience in legal, policy and management roles in both the public and private sector, with a focus on anti-discrimination law and human rights issues.

Catherine has also worked as Special Counsel, Human Rights and Managing Principal Solicitor, Human Rights in the Victorian Government Solicitor's Office, Manager, Human Rights Unit within the Department of Justice and Manager Legal Policy and Services with the Department for Victorian Communities - Aboriginal Affairs Victoria.



#### ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER LUKE CORNELIUS, VICTORIA POLICE

In 2015, Luke was appointed to lead the Victoria Police response to the VEOHRC Review into sex discrimination and sexual harassment among Victoria Police personnel.

Luke served as a Federal Agent for 14 years with the Australian Federal Police before joining Victoria Police in 2001, with roles in the Legal Services and Ethical Standards Departments. In 2010, Luke was awarded the Australian Police Medal in recognition of his contribution to police reform, the promotion of ethics and integrity in policing, human rights, engagement with vulnerable communities and for his contribution to capacity building in East Timor.



#### RAELENE SHARP, VICTORIAN BAR

Raelene completed her articles at the Office of Public Prosecutions in 2000 and after finishing a Master of Public International Law (International Criminal Law) in the Netherlands in 2003, she moved to the Australian Crime Commission in 2004. Following two and a half years working for the United Nations in Lebanon, Raelene returned to the Australian Crime Commission in 2009 before signing the Bar Roll in 2010.

Raelene practices in criminal, investigative and administrative law with both private and government clients.