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MEDIA ALERT

High Court judge draws a line in the sand

Justice Ian Callinan of the High Court of Australia will deliver the keynote address at this weekend's national conference, 'Drawing A Line In the Sand: New Approaches In ADR' for the Institute of Arbitrators & Mediators Australia (IAMA) at Palm Cove, Far North Queensland.

In a wide ranging address, the eminent judge considers the case for state subsidisation of mediation and whether the courts should have power to order alternative dispute resolution (ADR).

The sell-out conference has attracted some of Australasia's leading ADR practitioners and academics including Sir Laurence Street; Graeme Neate, President of the National Native Title Tribunal; Justice James Douglas; Justice Stanley Jones, Justice Robert McDougall; former Commonwealth Solicitor General of Australian, Gavan Griffith QC; Ian Hanger QC and Professor Laurence Boulle, to name a few.

The Conference will address new approaches in arbitration, mediation, adjudication and provision of a diversity of new alternative dispute resolution services in areas such as industrial relations, maritime law and native title.

Topics for debate and discussion include mediation in workplace relations; arbitration of domain names; national accreditation standards for mediators; ADR options in industrial relations disputes; national and international building and construction industry adjudication; the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law; transformative mediation and arbitration under foreign investment treaties.

There will be announcements in major bilateral and multilateral agreements including the formalisation of the historic agreement with the Kuala Lumpur Regional Arbitration Centre.

The Institute will also launch its Workplace Relations ADR Rules and Guidelines in light of the new *Workplace Relations Act*.

Where: Novotel Palm Cove Resort
Coral Coast Drive, Palm Cove, Far North Queensland

When: Saturday and Sunday 27 - 28 May, 2006

Time: 9 am

. About the Institute of Arbitrators & Mediators Australia

The Institute of Arbitrators & Mediators Australia (IAMA) is the nation's largest, independent and most experienced alternative dispute resolution (ADR) organisation. Founded in 1975, membership comprises some of Australia's eminent and experienced professionals from a diverse range of sectors including commercial, legal, education and government. With offices in all states and territories, it also plays a key role in industry and consumer schemes. The IAMA provides services in all forms of ADR including arbitration, mediation, conciliation, adjudication and expert determination, and is involved in the professional development, training and accreditation of ADR across Australia and internationally

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