

PROGRAM

SEMINAR ON THE RIGHT OF PEACEFUL PROTEST

Thursday. 3rd July and Friday 4th July 1986

University House, Australian National University. Canberra

THURSDAY, 3RD JULY

From 8.00am

Registration

10.00 - 11.00am

Plenary Session:

- (1) Introduction: Senator Don Chipp
- (2) Outline of the H.R.C.'s Research Project on the Right of Peaceful Protest - Mr Robin Handley

11.00 11.30am

Tea

11.30 am i - 1.00 pm

Parallel Sessions:

- (1) Media Reporting of Protest Activity
(Chairperson - Mr Peter Bailey,
Deputy Chairman, Human Rights
Commission)

Papers:

1. A Sociological Perspective - Dr Bob Hodge, School of Human Communications, Murdoch University.
2. Television Reporting of Protest Activity - Mr Bob Kearsley, Controller of News and Current Affairs, ABC TV'
3. The Role of the Press Council and Reporting of Protest Activity - Mr David Flint, Faculty of Law, N.S.W.I.T. and Member of Press Council.
4. Media Reporting of Protest - Dr Paul Wilson, Australian Institute of Criminology.

(2) Protest as a Political Strategy
(Chairperson: Mr Marcus Einfeld,
Q.C., Member, Human Rights
Commission)

Papers:

1. Protest in a Liberal Democracy - a political scientist's perspective - Dr Brian Martin, Department of the History and Philosophy of Science, University of Wollongong.
2. Protest as a Political Strategy - Dr Bob Brown, M.B.A., Tasmanian Wilderness Society.
3. The Political Effectiveness of Protest - Mr Peter Jones.

Lunch

1.00 - 2.00 pm

2.00 - 3.00 pm

Responses to Protest

(using the Franklin Dam protest as a case study)

(Chairperson: Mr Marcus Einfeld)

Papers:

1. The Government's Obligation to Respond to Protest - Senator Susan Ryan.
2. The Franklin Dam Protest - Ms Claire Runciman, Department of Sociology, Australian National University.
- . Commentary on the above papers - Dr Bob Brown, M.B.A.

Tea

3.00 - 3.30 pm

3.30 - 4.30 pm

Policing Protest

(Chairperson: Justice Ray Watson)

Papers:

1. Dr Grant Wardlaw - Australian Institute of Criminology.
2. Superintendent John Murray of the South Australian Police.
3. Inspector Dave Ferguson and Sgt Barry Lewis of the N.S.W. Tactical Response Group.

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4.30 - 6.00 pm Workshops on the day's papers.
6.00 - 7.00 pm Social hour - drinks

FRIDAY, 4TH JULY

9.00 - 10.30 AM

Parallel Sessions

- (1) The Right of Peaceful Protest in International Law. and Australia's Obligations under the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights - Paper from Robert Goodrick, Department of Foreign Affairs with a commentary by Ms Robin Burnett, Faculty of Law, Australian National University.
- (2) Notification or Authorisation Requirements for Public Assemblies (Chairperson: Dr John Hookey, Human Rights Commission)

Papers:

1. Mr Frank Brennan, S.J., on Queensland
2. Mr Greg O'Sullivan, Department of Territories, on proposals for A.C.T.

10.30 - 11.00 am

Tea

11.00 - 12.00 noon

Parallel Sessions:

- (1) Protection of Diplomatic Personnel and Premises (Chairperson: Mrs Norma Ford, Member, Human Rights Commission)

Papers:

1. The Legal Issues - Mr Mark Harrison, Department of Foreign Affairs.
2. The Practical Aspects of Protection - Mr John Mahoney, Protocol Section, Department of Foreign Affairs.

:Commentary by Mr Andrew Hiller, Law
:.School, University of Queensland.

(2) Picketing

(Chairperson: Mr Peter Bailey)

Papers:

1. Union Perspective - Mr Mery Nixon,
A.C.T.U.
2. Mr Ken Hale, Department of
Accountancy and Legal Studies,
University of Wollongong.

12.00 - 1.15 pm

Lunch

1.15 - 3.30 pm

Workshops on the day's papers

3.30 - 4.00 pm

Tea

4.00 - 5.00 pm

Plenary Session:

(1) Reports for workshops