



Australasian Study  
of Parliament Group

CONFERENCE ADELAIDE  
1 - 3 OCTOBER 2025



## Conference Theme

# MODERN PARLIAMENTS: CHANGING ROLES, EXPECTATIONS & CHALLENGES

With 2025 bringing another year of political, social and technological change, presenters at this year's conference will examine how the role of parliaments around the world continues to evolve to meet the demands of the modern age, and with it, the expectations of its Members, staff and the communities they represent, including:

- adopting AI and other new technologies to engage more widely with citizens and to modernise parliamentary procedure;
- managing and combatting misinformation;
- taking responsibility as an employer for the wellbeing of Members and staff and responding to external reviews of workplace culture;
- rethinking the role of committees in engaging with the community;
- changing roles and expectations of the core business of parliament; and
- scrutinising Executive spending and policy decisions.



**REGISTER NOW**

Booking URL: <https://www.trybooking.com/DBXYL>  
Registrations close 15 August 2025

Contact: [aspg.sa2025@parliament.sa.gov.au](mailto:aspg.sa2025@parliament.sa.gov.au)

## Conference Program

### MEETINGS AND FUNCTIONS

#### Welcome Reception

##### Government House

5.00pm, Tuesday 30 September

Hosted by Her Excellency the Honourable Frances Adamson AC,  
Governor of South Australia

#### ASPG Annual General Meeting

##### Watarru Room

Lunch break, Wednesday 1 October

#### Conference Dinner

##### Bamboo Pavilion (home to the Pandas), Adelaide Zoo

6.30pm, Thursday 2 October



## Conference Program

**WEDNESDAY - OCT 1**

### **PLENARY**

#### **Engaging with First Nations people**

Presenters TBC

### **PANELS**

#### **1 - New Technologies and Parliamentary Engagement**

Bridging the Gap – Using Digital Platforms to Reach New Audiences  
Anna Ingleton, Parliament of NZ

Online Publication and the Accessibility of Parliamentary Information  
Robin Howlett, Legislative Council, Parliament of NSW

From Agora to Algorithm: Reinventing the Public Square in the Digital Age  
Will Coad, Parliament of SA

VR, AI, VCs: Embracing Modern Parliamentary Education  
Natalie Badcock, Parliament of SA

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**WEDNESDAY - OCT 1**

### **PANELS**

#### **New Technologies and Parliamentary Procedure**

Citizen Engagement in Parliamentary Oversight of the Executive's Budget

Caitlin Connally, Parliament of Vic

Out of Bounds - Parliamentary Privilege Considerations When Witnesses Give Evidence from Outside the State

Verity Smith, Legislative Council, Parliament of NSW

Harnessing Generative-AI in Parliamentary Research: Balancing Risks and Opportunities

Dr Alba Boer Cueva & Dr Daniel Montoya, Parliament of NSW

#### **Managing Misinformation**

We Need to Chat About ChatGPT: A Case Study of a Submission Written by AI

Dr Merry Brown, Parliament of SA

Managing Misinformation in Electronic Petitions

Kate Roggeveen, House of Representatives, Parliament of Australia

Combatting Misinformation From Inside the House: the Challenges Faced by Parliamentary Researchers

Paige Timms, Parliament of SA

## Conference Program

**THURSDAY - OCT 2**

### **PLENARY**

#### **Reimagining Parliament**

Five Obvious Engagement Rules and How to Apply them to the Best Element of Parliament – the Committee System  
Iain Walker, New Democracy

Reimagining Parliament  
Professor Cristina Leston-Bandeira, University of Leeds (via video conference)

### **PANELS**

#### **Modern Parliamentary Workplaces**

Transforming Ministers, Members and Parties Office Accommodation in a Modern Parliament  
Dave Wills, Parliament of NZ

Keeping Our People and Members Safe in a Changing Environment  
Alyson Groves, Parliament of NZ

Privilege and the Enforcement of Health and Safety in the Parliamentary Workplace  
Evan Smith, Parliament of SA



## Conference Program

**THURSDAY - OCT 2**

### PANELS

#### **Modern Parliamentary Committees**

Can Parliamentary Committees Solve Policy Problems?

David Monk, ACT Legislative Assembly

Unpopular Inquiries – Alternative Approaches to Engage with the Public on Complex Topics

Chiara De Lazzari, Parliament of Vic

Balancing Learning and Legitimation: Public Participation in Select Committees in Aotearoa New Zealand

Will Dreyer, Te Herenga Waka | Victoria University of Wellington

#### **Changing Roles and Expectations**

Strengthening the Normative Power of Rule of Law in Australia: What is Parliament's Role and Who Else Should Help?

Dr Michael Hooper & Dr Sarah Moulds, University of South Australia

From Policy to Parliament: Rethinking Online Safety and Social Media Platform Duty of Care

Rachel Tan, Andrew Doyle & Marta Estelles, University of Waikato

Parliamentary Diplomacy and the Role of Parliament in Crisis: Analyzing Sri Lanka's 16th Parliament Amidst Political and Economic Crises (2020–2024)

Malindu Weerakkody, Victoria University of Wellington

## Conference Program

**FRIDAY- OCT 3**

### **PLENARY**

#### **Parliamentary Career Exit: Principles of Institutional Design**

Dr Zim Nwokora & Dr Peter Ferguson, Deakin University

#### **Contributions from former Members**

### **PANELS**

#### **Reviewing Modern Parliaments**

Hope and Disappointments: Evaluating the Federal Parliament's Response to the Jenkins Review

Maria Maley, Australian National University

An Attempt at Contemporary Contempt: Victoria's Parliamentary Workplace Standards and Integrity Regime

Vaughn Koops, Parliament of Vic

Gender Equality in the Parliament of Victoria? The Long, Unfinished Road to a Gender-Sensitive Parliament

Dr Amy Nethery, Deakin University

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**FRIDAY- OCT 3**

### **PANELS**

#### **Scrutiny in Modern Parliaments**

Parliament and Royal commissions – Bringing Royal Commissions to Heel?

Dr Scott Prasser

Citizen Engagement in Parliamentary Oversight of the Executive's Budget  
Charlotte Lever, Parliament of Vic

Parliamentary Scrutiny and Control of Executive Spending After the School Chaplains Case

Glenn Ryall, Senate, Parliament of Australia

Through the Looking-Glass, and What the Legislative Council Found There: The Legacy of the 'Transparency Agenda' in the 58th Parliament  
Rhea Goundar & Rhia Victorino, Parliament of NSW





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# INFORMATION GUIDE



## Conference Location

The South Australian Parliament is located on North Terrace in the Adelaide CBD. Public transport, restaurants, bars and the main shopping mall are a short walk away.



## Airport Transport

Adelaide's domestic airport is about 8kms from the CBD. The airport is serviced by public transport, taxis and rideshare services. A taxi to the CBD will cost you about \$30 and will take around 15 minutes travel time depending on traffic conditions. At the front of the Adelaide Airport terminal, bus stop 10 offers a city - airport public bus service. Either catch the J1 or J2 service which departs approximately every 20 mins, taking about 25 mins travel time to the CBD.



## Accommodation

Adelaide offers a range of accommodation options that are a short walk from the Parliament House. Please see accommodation suggestions on page 3.



## Catering

Lunch and refreshments will be provided during the conference. For further information about dining options please see the dining suggestions on page 3.



## Getting Around Adelaide

Adelaide Metro offers free city loop bus and tram services. There are several bus and tram stops situated in close proximity to Parliament House. The train station is directly next to Parliament House. If you wish to travel outside the CBD on public transport it will cost about \$5 for a single trip. Tap and pay is available on all buses and trams which allows you to use your Visa or Mastercard to purchase fares. If catching a train you will need to purchase a ticket either on the train or at ticket kiosk located at the train station.



## Adelaide Weather

Adelaide's weather in early October is generally mild with maximums in the low 20s and cool nights, however this can vary. It's recommended that you bring something warm to wear for cooler weather and sun protection for the hotter days.



## Event Contact

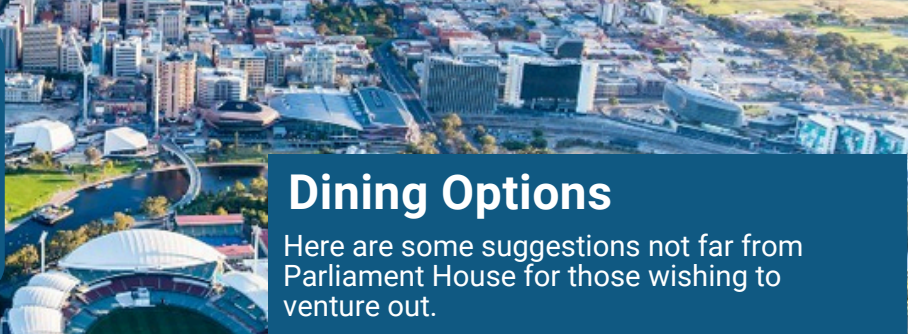
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## Dining Options

Here are some suggestions not far from Parliament House for those wishing to venture out.



## Accommodation Options

The Parliament is adjacent to some of Adelaide's major hotels. These options are all within walking distance for the conference.

### **Stamford Plaza**

50m from Parliament  
150 North Terrace, Adelaide SA 5000  
+61 8 8461 1111

The Stamford Plaza is offering 15% off the best available rate for all conference attendees. Book by 17 September 2025 to take advantage of this offer at the link below:

[bit.ly/ASPG-SPA](https://bit.ly/ASPG-SPA)

### **The Playford**

280m from Parliament  
120 North Terrace, Adelaide SA 5000  
+61 8 8213 8888  
[theplayford.com.au](https://theplayford.com.au)

### **Mayfair Hotel**

280m from Parliament  
45 King William St, Adelaide SA 5000  
+61 8 8210 8888  
[mayfairhotel.com.au](https://mayfairhotel.com.au)

### **Intercontinental Adelaide**

300m from Parliament  
North Terrace, Adelaide SA 5000  
+61 8 8238 2400  
[icadelaide.com.au](https://icadelaide.com.au)

### **Grosvenor Hotel Adelaide**

200m from Parliament  
125 North Terrace, Adelaide SA 5000  
+61 8 8407 8888  
[grosvenorhoteladelaide.com.au](https://grosvenorhoteladelaide.com.au)

### **Quality Apartments Adelaide Central**

450m from Parliament  
8/82 King William St, Adelaide SA 5000  
+61 8 8221 5702  
[qualityadelaidecentral.com.au](https://qualityadelaidecentral.com.au)



## Dinners

### **Africola**

African inspired

### **Bread & Bone Wood Grill**

Burgers

### **Fugazzi**

Italian

### **Golden Boy**

Thai

### **Gondola Gondola**

Vietnamese

### **Osteria Oggi**

Italian

### **Parwana Afghan Kitchen**

Afghan (in the inner suburb Torrensville, requires bookings, but worth the trip!)

### **Shobosho**

Japanese

### **Sunny's Pizza**

Pizza

### **Pizza e Mozzarella Bar**

Pizza

### **Adelaide Central Markets**

Near and in the markets you will find a large range of dining options (including Adelaide's Chinatown) at all price points.



## Coffee

### **Bank Street**

Bonobos

Toast

Alley Brew

### **Train Station**

Central Espresso

Guardsman

Platform 10



## Supermarkets

There are three supermarkets in Rundle Mall - [Woolworths](#), [Coles](#) and [Foodland](#). Foodland is open until 8pm. Woolworths and Coles are open until 9pm.