



Government Law Group

Keeping secrets: protecting Commonwealth information

When courts and tribunals compel the production of information from Commonwealth departments and agencies, the Commonwealth may wish to claim public interest immunity from compulsion. When sensitive information must be led in evidence, the Commonwealth may apply for orders that protect that information from further disclosure. Both public interest immunity claims and protective applications require careful preparation and frank prospects advice.

AGS practitioners have extensive experience protecting information through public interest immunity claims and protective applications. This seminar will unpack some lessons learned from that experience, and cover recent developments in the field.

Date

Thursday 1 June 2017

Time

4.30 – 5.30 pm

followed by refreshments

Venue

**AGS, Level 42 MLC Centre
19 Martin Place**

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This free seminar constitutes CPD to the value of 1 point.

PRESENTERS



Peter Melican
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Peter has a mixed solicitor and counsel practice at AGS. He has extensive experience acting for and advising many Commonwealth agencies on complex administrative law, information protection, regulatory and national security issues. He has acted on behalf of many agencies in proceedings to protect sensitive information from being publicly disclosed. His counsel practice at AGS has included being briefed in proceedings in the Federal Court (including proceedings before the Full Court), State Supreme Courts (including Appellate Courts) and the Administrative Appeals Tribunal. He also regularly appears as solicitor-advocate.



Matthew Varley
*Senior Lawyer
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Matthew advises and represents Commonwealth agencies in public interest immunity claims, protective applications, subpoenas and notices to produce, administrative law challenges, compensation proceedings and national security matters. He has extensive experience claiming public interest immunity, and seeking suppression and non-publication orders, for law enforcement and intelligence agencies.