

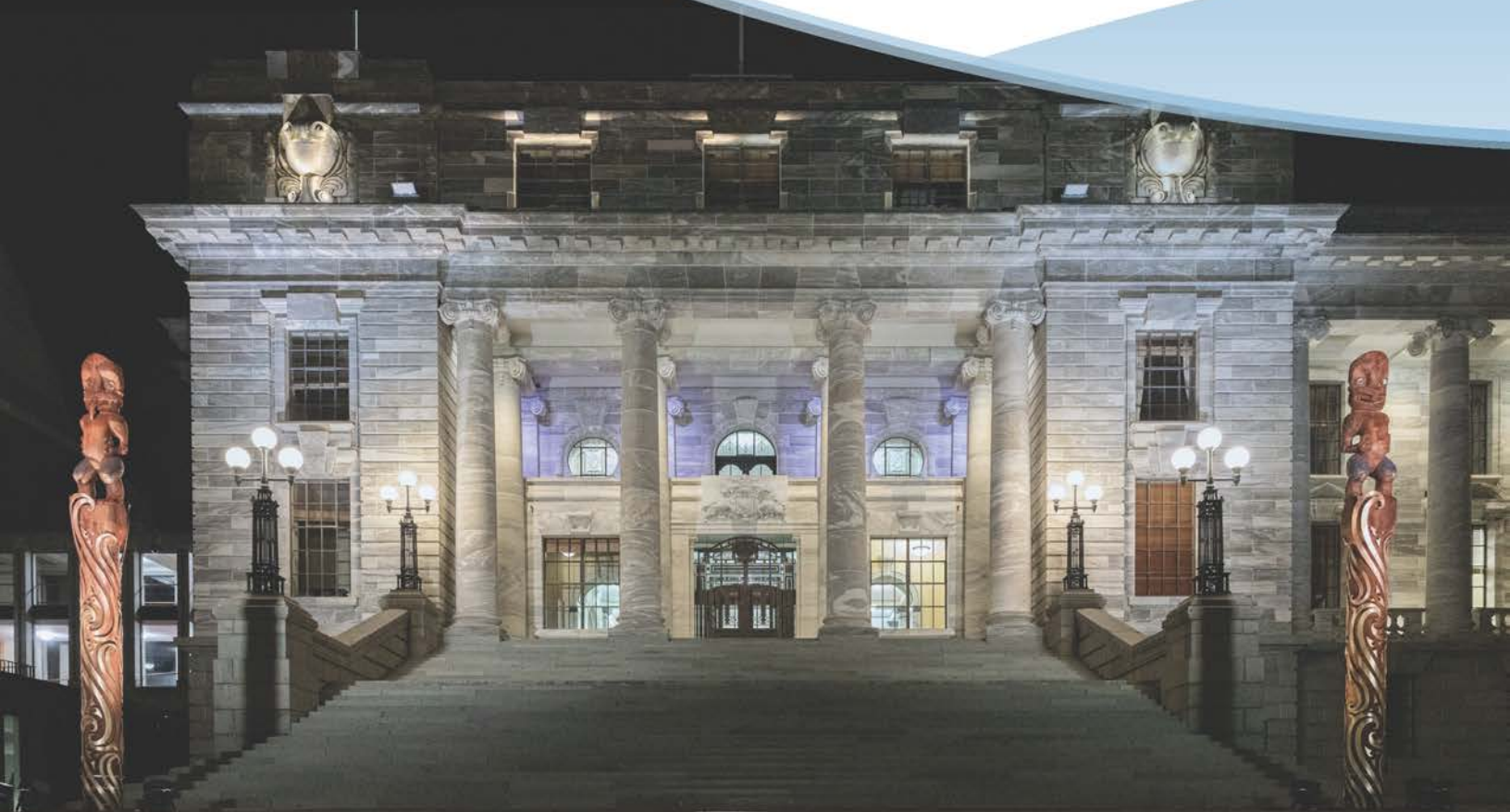


Australasian Study
of Parliament Group
New Zealand Chapter

ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2024

Te Manawaroatanga o Pāremata i te Ao Hurihuri **Parliament's Resilience in a Changing World**

2 - 4 October 2024, Wellington





Conference theme

Parliaments are responsible for adapting laws to changing needs and circumstances. They must also preserve the integrity of the Government system by effectively holding the Executive to account. To achieve these objectives and remain relevant to the people they represent, parliamentary systems must remain constitutionally sound while becoming increasingly adaptable. Parliamentarians themselves need to be forward-looking, resilient, and open to change.

As we navigate the challenges of a fast-paced and changing world, Parliaments are confronted with technological advancements, evolving communication methods, information overload, and increasing political and social polarisation. Addressing persistent issues like climate change requires long-term consensus and commitment.

The ability for Parliaments to identify opportunities and manage risk in this environment is paramount to our future as trusted democratic institutions. At this year's ASPG Conference in Wellington, sessions will cover a range of thought-provoking areas such as transforming parliamentary practice in committees and with youth, engagement and participation in decision making, Parliaments and artificial intelligence, engagement through social media, parliamentary preparedness for pandemics and climate change, safeguarding Members and staff, increasing accessibility, and Parliament's resilience in the media era.

We look forward to welcoming you all to the New Zealand Parliament in October.

Guest speaker



Dr Dean Knight

Dean specialises in public and government law, with scholarly interests across range of topics in constitutional and administrative law. Areas of particular emphasis in his work include judicial review of administrative action, local government and democracy, and constitutional reform. Dean was awarded Universities NZ's Critic and Conscience of Society Award 2023 for an outstanding contribution to providing independent, expert commentary on issues affecting the New Zealand community and future generations. Dean will share his insights on parliamentary resilience in a changing world.

Indicative conference programme

Wednesday, 2 October

1:00pm	Mana Whenua welcome ceremony
2:30pm	Optional tour of Parliament
3:00pm – 4:15pm	ASPG Executive Meeting
4:30pm – 5:15pm	ASPG AGM
4:45pm	Conference registration
5:30pm – 7:30pm	Welcome reception

Thursday, 3 October

8:15am	Registration and tea and coffee
8:45am	Karakia and conference opening remarks
9:00am	Dr Sarah Moulds, University of South Australia
9:30am	Bernice Watson, Queensland Parliament
10:00am	Panel session: Caleb Triscari and Hong Tran, Parliament of Victoria
10:45am	Morning tea
11:15am	Dr Dean Knight, Professor of Law, Victoria University Te Herenga Waka
12:00pm	Panel session: Joshua McKenzie, New Zealand Parliament and Caitlin Connally, Parliament of Victoria
12:45pm	Lunch
1:45pm	Panel session: Rachel Tan, Waikato University; Dr Kit Kowol, Queensland Parliament; Emma McAuliffe and Meredith Ross-James, New Zealand Parliament
3:00pm	Afternoon tea
3:30pm	Adjunct Professor Tamara Smith MP, New South Wales
4:00pm	Dr Luke Buckmaster and Dr Matthew Thomas, Parliament of Australia
4:45pm	Free time
5:30pm	Pre-dinner drinks
6:45pm – 9:00pm	Conference dinner and entertainment

Friday, 4 October

9:00am	Panel session: Gabor Hellyer and David Bagnall, New Zealand Parliament
9:45am	Jessica Strout, Parliament of Victoria
10:15am	Dr Matthew Johnson, Parliament of New South Wales
10:45am	Morning tea
11:15am	Jessie Halligan and Stephen Fujiwara, Parliament of New South Wales
11:45am	Panel session: Julia Agostino, Tasmania; Bruce Pope, Parliament of New South Wales; and Amy Yong, New Zealand Parliament
12:45pm	Lunch
1:45pm	Marian Sawer, Emeritus Professor, Australian National University
2:15pm	Miona Ikeda, Parliament of Australia
2:45pm	Steve Streefkerk, New Zealand Parliament
3:15pm	Afternoon tea
3:45pm	Leslie Gonye, former Deputy Clerk Parliament of New South Wales
4:15pm	Pauline Cullen, Parliament of Australia
4:45pm	Stew Sexton, New Zealand Parliament
5:15pm	Conference closing remarks and karakia
5:30pm	Farewell reception

Key dates

- **Friday, 26 July:** Title, Abstract (300 words) and biographical details required.
- **Friday, 16 August:** Registration for the conference closes.
- **Friday, 13 September:** Electronic copy of the finalised paper and PowerPoint slides (if using) required.
- **Monday, 11 November:** Final conference paper due to APR editor (if submitting to the journal).

Papers

Papers should not be longer than 6,000 words and abstracts should be 250 – 300 words long.

After the conference, the Editor of the ASPG journal, Australasian Parliamentary Review (APR), will determine whether a conference paper will be published in the Spring/Summer 2024 APR. [Click here](#) for further information. If you would like the opportunity to be published please comply with the APR [style guide](#) for footnote references.

Attending the conference

Registration

If you would like to attend the conference, please register on [EVENTBRITE](#) or the [ASPG website](#).

Registrations cost \$540NZD for ASPG Members and \$560NZD for non-members for the three days and includes all catering (including the conference dinner).

Registrations close on Friday, 16 August.

Accommodation

Bolton Hotel

12 Bolton Street, Wellington Central
www.boltonhotel.co.nz

Special rate: a number of rooms have been reserved for the dates 2 – 4 October, under the code: Parliament ASPG #69199. Anyone wishing to book rooms can email Bhavya Sharma directly on Bhavya.Sharma@boltonhotel.co.nz or email Info@boltonhotel.co.nz using the group code.

Distance from Parliament: approx. 500 metres

Rydges Wellington

75 Featherston Street, Wellington Central
www.rydges.com/accommodation/new-zealand/wellington

Special rate: [RYDGES Special ASPG conference rate](#)

*to note when booking: once the dates are searched, the discount is automatically applied

Distance from Parliament: approx. 800 metres

Sofitel

11 Bolton Street, Wellington Central
www.sofitel-wellington.com

Special rate: [SOFITEL Special ASPG conference rate](#)

Distance from Parliament: approx. 500 metres

Alternative great options:

The Museum Art Hotel: <https://www.qthotels.com/wellington/>

The Intrepid: www.theintrepidhotel.com

Things to do and see in Wellington

Activities					
1	Cable Car Historic Furnicular 280 Lambton Quay	6	Mt Victoria Scenic lookout and walk	10	Waterfront walk Waterloo Quay to Oriental Bay
2	City Gallery Te Ngākau Civic Square	7	Museum of New Zealand Te Papa Tongarewa 55 Cable St	11	Wellington Botanic Gardens 101 Glenmore St
3	Cuba St Mall Iconic shopping street	8	Old Bank Arcade Iconic shopping 233 Lambton Quay	12	Weta Cave 1 Weka St
4	Katherine Mansfield House 25 Tinakori Rd	9	Oriental Parade Beach	13	Zealandia Te Māra a Tāne Wildlife Sanctuary 53 Waiapu Rd, Kelburn

Restaurants					
1	Apache \$\$ French Vietnamese fusion 122 Wakefield St	6	Charley Noble \$\$\$ Steak House 1 Post Office Square	11	Old Bailey \$ Pub Food 101 Lambton Quay
2	The Backbencher \$\$ Gastropub 34 Molesworth St	7	Daisys \$\$ Modern Bistro 328 Tinakori Road	12	Portlander \$\$\$ European Cr Whitmore/ Featherston St
3	Bellamys \$\$ European NZ Parliament	8	Dockside \$\$\$ Seafood Shed 3/9 Queens Wharf	13	Pravda \$\$ European 107 Customhouse Quay
4	Boulcott St Bistro \$\$\$ Upscale Kiwi food 99 Boulcott St	9	Loretta \$\$ Contemporary 181 Cuba St	14	Rita \$\$\$ Contemporary Kiwi 89 Aro St
5	Capitol \$\$\$ Contemporary 10 Kent Terrace	10	Mexico \$\$ Mexican 41 Dixon St		



Key

- 5 minute walk
- 15 minute walk
30 minute drive
- 30 minute walk,
10 minute drive
- 45 minute walk
15 minute drive

Cafes and bars					
1	Astoria \$\$ Upmarket Cafe/Bar 159 Lambton Quay	6	La Cloche \$\$ Cafe 26 The Terrace	11	Puffin \$\$ Wine Bar 60 Ghuznee St
2	Cable Top Eatery \$ Cafe/Bar 1 Upland Rd	7	Little Beer Quarter \$ Bar 6 Edward St	12	Seize \$ Vegan Cafe 117 Lambton Quay
3	Copperfield's \$ Cafe NZ Parliament	8	Olive \$\$ French/Italian Cafe 170 Cuba St	13	The Library \$ Cocktail Bar 1/53 Courtenay Place
4	Fidels Cafe \$ Mexican 234 Cuba St	9	Pickle and Pie \$ Cafe 2 Lombard St	14	Thistle Inn \$ Pub 3 Mulgrave St
5	Huxleys \$ Modern Cafe/Bar 34 Bowen St	10	POP \$ Cafe/Bar 100 Willis St		