



Government approaches to Alternative Dispute Resolution (Newcastle and Lower Hunter)

Friday, 13 September / 12:30 – 4:30pm

The University of Newcastle (UON) and Resolution Institute are co-hosting the region's first whole of Government Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) forum.

This event will feature representation by many federal, state and local government departments which have a presence in the Newcastle and Lower Hunter area. Several of these government agencies will give presentations outlining how they utilise ADR to resolve disputes fairly and with natural justice. The following agencies will have representatives in attendance:

- Australian Taxation Office
- Department of Defence
- Department of Human Services
- Fair Work Ombudsman
- National Disability Insurance Agency
- Department of Fair Trading
- Environment Protection Authority
- Hunter New England Health
- NSW Civil & Administrative Tribunal
- NSW Department of Justice - Community Justice Centres
- Hunter Water
- Lake Macquarie City Council
- Newcastle City Council
- Port Stephens Council

This will be an educational opportunity for local ADR practitioners, regardless of whether they are engaged in the government or private sector. The event aims to share best practices and foster working relationships between government and the wider ADR community.

The types of ADR methods utilised vary between government departments and may be used either internally to manage Human Resource issues or externally when dealing with the public. These methods may include;

- Mediation
- Conciliation
- Arbitration
- Negotiation
- Other client focused advisory or support services (complaints, case appraisal, neutral evaluation)

The event is in keeping with UON's '[Newcastle as a Restorative City](#)' initiative. This aims to transform Newcastle into a restorative city by building social cohesion and healthy communities. The University's Law School is working collaboratively with community partners to support the proposed social and cultural transformation of Newcastle; encouraging support from across the community for a change to a restorative culture to occur.

Professor Tania Sourdin, Dean of UON's Law School, will give an opening address in conjunction with Second Commissioner Andrew Mills from the Australian Taxation Office. The [event program](#) and more detail [about the speakers](#) are available from the [Resolution Institute's event registration page](#).

Venue

The University of Newcastle
Room x502 (Level 5), 'NewSpace'
409 Hunter St, Newcastle, NSW

Cost

\$25.00 Members
\$45.00 Non-members
Complimentary registration for University staff and students

CPD This event will contribute 3 hours of CPD under Resolution Institute accreditation schemes.