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East West Toll Road: Rescinding the Contracts? A Legal Forum

Wednesday 16th April, 12.30pm – 2.00pm

City of Melbourne Bowls Club, Flagstaff Gardens on Dudley Street

There has been much controversy about whether a newly elected government can rescind the contracts for the EW Link. The Victorian government has said that contracts will be signed before the State election in November. Labor says it will honour the contracts if they are signed by the Napthine Government. Judging from recent opinion polls, the public puts building a better public transport system above building the tunnel.

Some argue that the project will do little to solve Melbourne's transport crisis, that the Napthine government has no mandate to build the tunnel, and to sign the contracts before the election denies the community the opportunity to vote on the matter.

So what is the situation in law? Can the contracts be rescinded? If so what would be the public liability in doing so? In this forum, we invite discussion of this issue. We have one of Australia's leading experts in contract law to address the meeting and lead the debate.

Keynote Speaker: Dr Nick Seddon LLB (Hons) (Melb), B Phil (Oxon) PhD (ANU)

Nick Seddon is recognised in Australia as a leading authority in contract law. He advises Australian government agencies and the private sector in common law and commercial law matters, including major contracts, major acquisitions, and application of the *Competition and Consumer Act*. Nick also advises on common law, administrative law and the operation of legislation affecting government and private sector entities. He is an adjunct professor at the Australian National University College of Law where he teaches in the graduate program. He was voted Lawyer of the Year for Government, Canberra in 2012.

Nick is the author of the text, *Government Contracts: Federal, State and Local*, (5th ed 2013), as well as co-author of *Cheshire & Fifoot's Law of Contract* (10th Aus ed 2012).

This is a free forum however gold coin donations to help cover the cost will be gratefully accepted.

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Transport for Melbourne in collaboration with Public Transport Not Traffic

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Our concern is that the transport crisis we face today in Melbourne is to a large extent a result of our government's failure to appreciate and apply these lessons



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