



THE MEDICO-LEGAL
SOCIETY OF VICTORIA

‘Corruption in Australia: how do we expose and eliminate it?’

will be presented by Mr Geoffrey Watson SC

A General Meeting of the Society will be held on Saturday 12th October 2019

Melbourne Club, 36 Collins Street, Melbourne.

Drinks served 6.30 pm, Presentation 7.00 pm, followed by Dinner

Dress: Black tie

Something has gone wrong. Repeated polling proves there has been a dramatic loss of faith in our politicians and in politics. Is the public’s mood justified?

Yes – it is. The perception is that there is endemic, intractable misfeasance and even corruption in our public and governmental institutions. There is reality in the perception – Australia’s international integrity standings has continued to slide. Meanwhile there is less transparency, giving rise to more misgivings about opaque transactions, some of which appear to have been made between politicians and their friends.

It is not just money at stake. Recent governmental actions and transactions have diminished Australia’s standing in the international community – important diplomatic ties are fraying. Specifically, the unexaminable contracts in relation to the management and treatment of refugees and prisoners have placed lives at risk. These effects are not imagined, they are real.

What is going wrong? And what should be done?

GEOFFREY WATSON SC is a barrister based in Sydney with a national practice. Much of his experience has been in the area of anti-corruption law, regulation and oversight of government agencies, including law enforcement. He is a director of the Centre for Public Integrity and an Adjunct Professor at the University of Notre Dame. Mr Watson teaches and writes in the area of anti-corruption law, the law of tort, and legal history.

Members may bring guests who need not be legal or medical practitioners.

Acceptances close Monday 7th October.

No acceptances or refunds will be available after this date.

Members and their guests are reminded of the dress requirements. Mobile telephones may not be used inside Melbourne Club. Urgent calls may be made to the Club (9650 4941) and a message will be conveyed by Club staff.

The Committee reminds Members that the Dining Room is to be vacated by 11.30 pm.

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