



AUSTRALIAN ACADEMY OF SCIENCE AND AUSTRALIAN ACADEMY OF LAW JOINT SYMPOSIUM

# ‘ARE YOU SURE?’

- DATE:** Thursday 23 August 2018, 5.00pm
- PLACE:** Federal Court’s Ceremonial Court  
Level 21 Law Courts Building, Queen’s Square, Sydney
- REGISTER:** By 20 August 2018  
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This joint symposium sees the Australian Academy of Law and the Australian Academy of Science come together to present discussions around:

- Scientific certainty compared with legal certainty, and scientific decision-making compared with decision-making by courts
- The difference between the scientific assessment of evidence and the assessment of evidence by the courts
- The different notions of what is evidence and the different timeframes for reaching a decision
- Cause and effect in science and law
- Unconscious predispositions (biases) of judges and witnesses
- The presentation and treatment of expert scientific evidence in the courts
- Uncertainty as part of certainty

## THE PANEL

### Chair

The Hon Stephen Gageler AC

### Panel Members

Professor Max Coltheart AM FAA  
Emeritus Professor of Cognitive Science  
Macquarie University

Professor Kerrie Mengersen FAA  
Australian Laureate Fellow and Professor of  
Statistics, QUT

The Hon Chief Justice James Allsop AO  
Chief Justice of the Federal Court of Australia

The Hon Robert French AC  
Former Chief Justice of the High Court of Australia

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