

‘Rationality and reason in administrative law – would a roll of the dice be just as good?’

5.30pm, Wednesday 29th November, 2017

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Court 1, Federal Court of Australia, Peter Durack Commonwealth Law Courts Building, 1 Victoria Avenue, Perth

Rationality and reasonableness in official decision-making have been the subject of much discussion, not least since the decision of the High Court of Australia in *Minister for Immigration v Li* (2013) 249 CLR 332.

This lecture explores an approach to rationality and reasonableness in the context of judicial review and the question whether there is a role for randomised decision-making in cases of equally valued choices or intractable uncertainty



The Honourable Robert Shenton French AC was appointed Chief Justice of the High Court of Australia on 1 September 2008 and retired from that office on 29 January 2017. He is a graduate of the University of Western Australia in science and law. He was admitted in 1972 and practiced as a barrister and solicitor in Western Australia until 1983 when he went to the Independent Bar. He was appointed a Judge of the Federal Court of Australia in November 1986, an office he held until his appointment as Chief Justice on 1 September 2008. From 1994 to 1998 he was the President of the National Native Title Tribunal. In 2010, he was made a Companion in the Order of Australia and a Fellow of the

Academy of Social Sciences in Australia. He is a Founding Fellow of the Australian Academy of Law, a member of the American Law Institute, and an Honorary Life Member of the Australian Law Teachers Association, the Australasian Institute of Judicial Administrations and the Australian Bar Association. Since August 2016 he has been an Adjunct Professor at the Law School at the University of Western Australia and a Distinguished Honorary Professor at the Australian National University since October 2016. He is a Board member of the Graham (Polly) Farmer Foundation.

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