



**Royal Commission**  
into Institutional Responses  
to Child Sexual Abuse

# Jury reasoning in joint and separate trials of child sexual abuse

You are invited to attend  
the launch of a major new  
research report commissioned  
by the Royal Commission into  
Institutional Responses to  
Child Sexual Abuse

Royal Commission Chair Justice  
Peter McClellan AM will launch  
the report of a major empirical  
study of how juries reason.



Using mock juries and a trial involving charges of child sexual abuse, the research investigates whether conducting joint trials and admitting tendency evidence infringe defendants' rights to a fair trial.

The research involved 90 mock jury deliberations involving more than 1,000 people who were eligible to be jurors.

Justice McClellan will introduce the research and outline how it will contribute to the Royal Commission's work. The authors will present the research and their findings, followed by a short Q&A.

## **HOSTED BY:**

The Hon Justice Peter McClellan AM  
Chair, Royal Commission into Institutional Responses  
to Child Sexual Abuse

## **PRESENTERS:**

### **Jane Goodman-Delahunty**

Research Professor, School of Psychology and  
Australian Graduate School of Policing and Security,  
Charles Sturt University

### **Annie Cossins**

Professor of Law & Criminology, Faculty of Law,  
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## **VENUE:**

Theatrette, New South Wales  
Parliament House,  
6 Macquarie Street, Sydney NSW 2000

## **DATE:**

Wednesday 25 May 2016

## **TIME:**

5:30-7pm followed by light  
refreshments

## **RSVP:**

19 May 2016 at

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