

# AUSTRALASIAN GROUNDWATER CONFERENCE



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## AGC2017 Speakers:

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Saul Holt QC is a barrister. He is based in Queensland but practices across Australia. He practices in Administrative Law, Criminal Law, Constitutional Law and Environmental Law. He is a General Editor of Butler & Holt's Indictable Offences Queensland and a Board Member of the Australian Advocacy Institute.

Saul completed a Bachelor of Laws and Bachelor of Arts from Auckland University. He later returned to Auckland University and completed a Masters in Public Law with First Class Honours. Saul was Crown Counsel in New Zealand for 9 years and was appointed Senior Crown Counsel in 2005. He appeared in trials, criminal appeals and public law litigation.

On moving to Australia in 2007 Saul lived in Queensland where he practiced in civil litigation. Between 2009 and 2013, Saul was the Director of Criminal Law at Victoria Legal Aid. He was appointed VLA's first Chief Counsel leading a team of 22 in-house barristers in civil, family and criminal law. As Chief Counsel Saul appeared in complex criminal, administrative and human rights law cases in state and federal courts. In 2012 Saul took silk and was appointed a Victorian Law Reform Commissioner before moving to Queensland in early 2014. Saul appears regularly in complex criminal law cases. He has a particular interest in regulatory and environmental cases. He is also briefed regularly in public law cases, particularly judicial review and appeals.

In environmental law, Saul has appeared in the Land Court in relation to two of the most significant Mine Approvals in recent times: the Adani Coal mine and New Acland Coal Mine. He was counsel for the Australian Conservation Foundation in its climate change based challenge to the Adani Coal mine in the Federal Court. Saul lectures in evidence law and has presented seminars in Administrative Law including on unreasonableness in judicial review and the liability of Government agencies in negligence.