



International Law Association
Australian Branch



The International Law Association (Australian Branch) in conjunction with Baker & McKenzie invites you to attend a seminar on

Sea Level Rise and International Law

The International Law Association's Committee on International Law and Sea Level Rise was established in 2012 with a mandate 'to study the possible impacts of sea-level rise and the implications under international law of the partial and complete inundation of state territory, or depopulation thereof, in particular small island and low-lying states;' and to 'develop proposals for the progressive development of international law in relation to the possible loss or all or parts of state territory and maritime zones due to sea-level rise, including the impacts on statehood, nationality, and human rights.'

The Committee's avenues of enquiry include:

- The consequences of sea-level rise on entitlements to maritime areas;
- The consequences of sea-level rise on human rights and mobility (displacement, migration and planned relocation);
- The consequences of sea-level rise on the natural environment; and
- The consequences of sea-level rise on statehood.

Committee Co-Rapporteur, **Professor David Freestone** (Executive Secretary of the Sargasso Sea Commission) and Committee members, **Professor Rosemary Rayfuse** (UNSW Australia) and **Professor Clive Schofield** (University of Wollongong) will discuss the current work of the committee in relation to the consequences of sea-level rise on entitlements to maritime areas and on the natural environment, its draft interim report, and its future work programs. Input and discussion will be invited from all attending.

Further information about the Committee can be found at <http://www.ila-hq.org/en/committees/index.cfm/cid/1043>

Professor Freestone's visit to Australia is funded by the University of Wollongong's Global Challenges Program

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Date: Monday 10 August 2105

Time: 12:00 pm – 2:00 pm (a light lunch will be provided)

Location: Baker & McKenzie
Level 27, AMP Centre
50 Bridge Street
Sydney, Australia

Attendance is complimentary. For catering purposes, please RSVP to marisa.chiarella@bakermckenzie.com with any dietary requirements by 3 August 2015.