



**Association of Parliamentary Libraries of Australasia
Research & Reference Symposium
Melbourne, Parliament of Victoria
Friday 8th February 2008**

Theme: Politics, Media & Technology - *delivering high quality, balanced information to parliamentary clients in the Web 2.0 era.*

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8:30	Registration
9:00	Welcome by Hon. Jenny Lindell, Speaker of the Victorian Parliament & Dr Stephen O'Kane, Secretary, Parliamentary Services
9:15	<u>‘The role of parliamentary libraries in democracies (a NZ case-study)’</u> Paul Bellamy, Research Analyst, Social Policy Team, New Zealand Parliament Questions and discussion
10:00	Morning tea
10:30	<u>Research & Reference Services - Challenges and Innovation - a group discussion facilitated by Paddy Plunket (NZ Parliament)</u> This session will provide an opportunity to discuss and share knowledge on the challenges facing our research and reference services and how libraries are responding. This will be a chance to learn about good or interesting practice in other parliaments as well as identify the individual and collective talents of APLA colleagues.
1:00	Lunch
2:00	‘Politics and technology in the 21st century’ Dr Sarah Miskin, Research Branch, Commonwealth Parliamentary Library. Questions and discussion
2:50	Afternoon tea
3:20	<u>‘Media and Politics’</u> The impact of our media in the 2007 federal election. Dr Sally Young, Senior lecturer, Media and Communications at Melbourne University Questions and discussion
4:10	Wrap-up session <u>Conference Photo</u>
4:40	Tour of Parliament House and Gardens (approx 30 minutes)
7:00	Symposium dinner Melbourne Town Hall, Portico Room & Balcony - Corner Swanston & Collins Streets, Melbourne