

## Human Rights: Have We Lost Our dignity?

Three prominent lawyers reflect on some of the critical questions of our time

### Speakers

#### Major Michael Mori

Defence counsel for Guantanamo Bay detainee David Hicks

#### Professor Larissa Behrendt

Professor of Law at University of Technology, Sydney

#### Mr Julian Burnside QC

Barrister and President of Liberty Victoria

**Venue:** BMW Edge, Federation Square, Cnr Flinders & Swanston Streets

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**Time:** 6.00 – 7.30pm  
(doors open 5.30pm)

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#### Major Michael Mori

US military lawyer Major Michael Mori is the defence counsel for Guantanamo Bay detainee David Hicks. An officer in the United States Marine Corps, Major Mori was appointed by the United States Department of Defence to represent David Hicks in 2003. Major Mori has since become a prominent critic of the now illegal military commissions set up to try David Hicks and other Guantanamo Bay detainees. He has spent over seven years as a military trial lawyer, including serving as senior defence counsel and civil law department head for the US Naval Legal Services Office Pacific in Japan.

#### Professor Larissa Behrendt

Larissa Behrendt is Professor of Law and Director of Research at the Jumbunna Indigenous House of Learning at the University of Technology, Sydney. She has published on property law, indigenous rights, dispute resolution and Aboriginal women's issues. Her book, *Achieving Social Justice: Indigenous Rights and Australia's Future* was published in 2003. She won the 2002 David Uniapon Award and a 2005 Commonwealth Writer's Prize for her novel *Home*. She is a Board Member of the Museum of Contemporary Art and a Director of the Sydney Writer's Festival and the Bangarra Dance Theatre.

#### Julian Burnside QC

Julian Burnside is a Victorian barrister. He has acted for Ok Tedi natives against BHP, Alan Bond in fraud trials, Rose Porteous in numerous actions against Gina Rinehart, and for the Maritime Union of Australia against Patrick Stevedores. He was the Senior Counsel assisting the Australian Broadcasting Authority in the 'Cash for Comment' inquiry and for Liberty Victoria in the Tampa litigation. He is President of Liberty Victoria and Chair of Fortyfive Downstairs, Chunky Move and Deputy Chair of Musica Viva Australia. He is the author of *Wordwatching – Fieldnotes of an Amateur Philologist* and *Matilda and the Dragon*.