

# **ESSAY COMPETITION**

2024 JOHN NETHERCOTE PRIZE IN AUSTRALIAN CONSTITUTIONAL LAW

**ESSAY TOPIC:** 

### "SHOULD AUSTRALIA ADOPT A COMMONWEALTH BILL OF RIGHTS?"

#### **Information**

Open to all Australian residents aged 35 years and under and all students enrolled in an undergraduate degree course at an Australian university.

More information about the conference and full competition terms and conditions are available on our website (<a href="https://www.samuelgriffith.org">www.samuelgriffith.org</a>).

#### **Format**

Essays are to be no more than 1,500 words. Footnotes and headings are excluded from the word count. AGLC format is preferred.

## SUBMISSION DATE

Essays must be submitted to Natalie at **contactesamuelgriffith.org.au** due on

Monday 1st April 2024 at 5:00PM

## FIRST PRIZE

\$500 Cash and One-year SGS membership, Flights, accommodation and registration to the 2024 Conference in the Gold Coast, Award and certificate presented by the Honourable Ian Callinan AC KC

Shortlisted runners-up receive a certificate and will be acknowledged at the conference.



## **ESSAY INSTRUCTIONS**

- **1.** Essays must be written by one person. Co-authored essays will not be considered. Only one entry per person is allowed. The essay must be an original piece of work and free from plagiarism.
- **2.** The competition is open to all Australian residents aged 35 years and under and all students enrolled in an undergraduate degree course at an Australian university.
- **3.** The deadline for submission of essays in 5:00PM, <u>Monday 1st April 2024</u>. Essays received after that date will not be eligible to be considered for the award of the prize.
- **4.** Essays should address the nominated topic, must be in an electronic form and submitted in Word format with text in Times New Roman and size 12 font, 1.5 line spacing to **Natalie** via **contact@samuelgriffith.org.au**.
- **5.** Entries must include a cover page indicating: (1) full name; (2) institution; (3) contact details; (4) essay title; (5) essay word count. Essays missing any of this information will not be considered.
- **6.** Each essay must be properly referenced (AGLC format is preferred). Each essay must contain footnotes and a bibliography, and will be subject to a strict 1,500 words (excluding footnotes and bibliography).
- **7.** The Samuel Griffith Society will be granted rights to publish the winning essay on its website and social media. The winner of the Prize must agree that if it is published through any other avenue of publication, that publication will be accompanied by an acknowledgement that the essay was the Prize winning essay in The Samuel Griffith Society Essay Competition in the relevant year.
- **8.** The competition first prize will consist of a fully paid trip to the 2024 SGS Conference in the Gold Coast, inclusive of; one return economy airfare from anywhere in Australia, accommodation and registration to the conference, presentation of a certificate, \$500 cash and one-year membership for SGS.

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