

ACLCA SA SHORT COURSE

Report Writing and Contracts by Kyra Reznikov Friday 23 August 2019

Synopsis

This half-day masterclass, to be presented by **Kyra Reznikov** of Finlaysons, will work through legal and contractual risks for the site contamination industry associated with report writing and client contracts. The course will include lectures, case studies and group work-shopping and will be aimed at **senior and principal level site contamination professionals**.

In general, the final deliverable for site contamination investigations is a report that details the investigation undertaken and its findings, including the potential risks to human health and/or the environment associated with the site. Reporting investigation findings and communicating potential risks in a way that can be clearly understood by both technical and lay people (including clients, regulators, purchasers, developers and financiers) is fundamental to our roles as site contamination professionals. Failure to communicate appropriately can have significant legal, financial and reputational consequences. This part of the course will cover risks and management techniques for reporting including:

- misleading and deceptive conduct in report writing;
- clarity of language; and
- third party reliance on reports.

As an industry, the work we undertake is often at the request of a client, pursuant to a contract of engagement. Contracts might be negotiated or based on standard terms. Understanding key terms and conditions on contracts could help us make better informed decisions both in tendering and prior to signing along the dotted line. This part of the course will include:

- key contract terms – what they mean and how to use them (including complete agreement, order of precedence, change / variation, confidentiality, Force Majeure, law of the contract and jurisdiction, termination, limitations of liability, indemnities and best endeavours / reasonable endeavours);
- implied contract terms;
- ‘Battle of the Forms’ and work at risk; and
- tips and tricks for scoping and tendering for work.

Participants will be encouraged to provide examples or specific queries in advance that can be incorporated into the workshop.

Our Presenter

Kyra Reznikov is the head of Finlaysons’ Environment, Climate Change and Planning practice and has degrees in Chemical Engineering and Law. She is recognized as a leading environmental lawyer in Adelaide and was named by Best Lawyers Australia as ‘Lawyer of the Year – Planning and Environmental Law in South Australia’ in April 2018.

Kyra regularly works with and advises site contamination consultants regarding legal obligations, report writing and contract negotiation. She has presented numerous seminars and training sessions to the site contamination industry and has taught law to engineering students at the University of Adelaide since 2009.

Details

Time: 8:15am for 8:30am start – until 12:30pm
Venue: Adelaide Pavilion
Cnr South Terrace & Peacock Road

Cost*:

Member/Government:	\$200 (GST incl)
Non-Member:	\$250 (GST incl)

**Includes morning tea and printed course material*

To register

Submit the registration form to sa@aclca.org.au by 9 August 2019.

Once the form has been received a tax invoice will be issued for payment. Payment to be made before attending.

All registrations are taken as confirmed, unless cancelled by the above date. No refunds will be given thereafter although a substitute will be accepted

