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THE MODERN SLAVERY ACT

Domestic servitude and modern slavery in our backyard...

The existence of modern slavery is often perceived as an offshore problem, yet it is estimated that there are at least 4,300 slaves in Australia today directly affected by modern slavery in its various forms.

We ask the question: can we do better?

Join us for an engaging panel discussion on Australia's new *Modern Slavery Act 2018* with some of the leading legal thinkers, academics, commentators and advocates in this field, who will provide a critique and commentary on what the Act achieves – and where it falls short.

DATE Thursday, 28 March 2019

LOCATION Maurice Blackburn Lawyers, 380 La Trobe Street, Melbourne

TIME
5:30pm: Registration
6:00pm: Panel discussion commences, facilitated by Jacinta Lewin, Senior Associate in the Social Justice Practice at Maurice Blackburn Lawyers
7:00pm - 7:30pm: Light refreshments and networking

COST Free for VWL members, $10 for non-members

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Professor Felicity Gerry QC is a high-profile legal expert and International Queen's Counsel. Felicity is a contributing author to various publications and has published numerous articles on the topics of modern slavery and human trafficking law. Felicity has a long history of dealing with cases involving trafficked victims and is currently undertaking a PhD on Using Technology to Combat Human Trafficking.

Jo Pride is the CEO of Hagar Australia, which works as part of the global Hagar network to transform the lives of women and children who have been trafficked, enslaved or abused. As a former lawyer, Jo has more than a decade of experience in international development and human rights, including as Head of Policy and Advocacy at Oxfam Australia.

Marie Segrave is an Criminologist and Associate Professor at Monash University. She has significant research expertise in the area of human trafficking, migrant labour exploitation, migration and mobility. Marie has published six books and has written numerous academic journal articles on the topic, as well as writing for The Conversation.

MODERATED BY JACINTA LEWIN
Jacinta Lewin is a Senior Associate in the Social Justice Practice at Maurice Blackburn Lawyers and chair of the Law Institute of Victoria's Human Rights Committee. She was also a Senior Legal Adviser at the Victorian Equal Opportunity and Human Rights Commission (VEOHRC) and is board member of Social Security Rights Victoria.

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