

Webinar- Starting out in social enterprise? What legal structures are possible?

Hosted by: The Social Enterprise Legal Models Working Group.

Presented By: Malcolm Rodgers, PSM (Chair), Alan Greig (Employee Ownership Australia) and Associate Professor Fiona Martin, Business School, UNSW, Australia.

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Time: Midday (Sydney time) for one hour

Cost: This is a free webinar

To join: If you wish to join this webinar, please contact Alan Greig at the email address below.

About the webinar:

Social enterprises are businesses that work for social objectives not just for the profit of their owners. The Social Enterprise Legal Models Working Group was formed in 2011 and is comprised of social enterprise developers, educators and legal practitioners. It has been examining the often overlooked question of what legal forms are available that might enable a social enterprise to preserve its commitment to social outcomes and to demonstrate that commitment to customers, financiers and the community. Drawing on a mixture of survey and research work, the Working Group has addressed a number of questions: Why is choice of legal form important for social enterprise? What are the key issues in choosing a legal form for a social enterprise business? What legal form options are available under current Australian law? What lessons can be drawn from developments in other countries?

Join us to discuss the results of the Group's work to date and its implications for social enterprise in Australia.

Who should participate: Anyone who wants to increase their knowledge of legal structures available to social enterprise or to start and grow a social enterprise using more innovative ownership arrangements. Policy makers, impact investors/funders, business advisors, community development professionals and students will also find the topic relevant.

To find out more on the work of the Social Enterprise Legal Models Working Group, see:

<http://www.employeeownership.com.au/social-enterprise-legal-models/>

About the speakers:

Malcolm Rodgers – Malcolm is a former Executive Director of Policy and Market Regulation at ASIC and was awarded the Public Service Medal for his work on Corporations Law reforms. He has had a long standing interest in social enterprise since working in the cooperative sector in the 1980s.

Alan Greig - Alan Greig is Director of Ownership Strategies at The Mercury Centre Cooperative Ltd, a cooperative development agency and social enterprise that specialises in building collaborative enterprises through consultancy, research, information, advice and training. He is also a Board member of Employee Ownership Australia Ltd.

Associate Professor Fiona Martin – Fiona is Associate Professor of Taxation and Business Law in the Business School, UNSW Australia. Her research interests are in the area of taxation issues relating to charities and not-for-profits. She has recently published 'Income Tax, Native Title and Mining Payments' (Wolters Kluwer, 2014).

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