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## Living with HIV and the law

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**A breakfast panel**  
at the 2019 Australasian  
HIV & AIDS Conference  
in Perth

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-  **Meeting Room 1**
-  **Thursday 19 September**
-  **6:45 AM - 8:30 AM**



**For as long as HIV has been here, the criminal law has been involved, more often complicating rather than supporting public health efforts to prevent HIV transmission. So, have things improved or are we moving into even more draconian times?**



## **Criminalisation in Australia** **Paul Kidd (Chair)**

The courts tend to lag behind the science when it comes to HIV, and to date, no court in Australia has ruled that undetectable viral load alone is enough to satisfy the “reasonable precautions” test. Paul Kidd, activist and lawyer, discusses how far we’ve come and how far we’ve got to go.



## **Spitting laws in Australia** **Sally Cameron**

Spitting and Mandatory Testing laws were introduced in three states in the last few years. Sally Cameron, Senior Policy Analyst from the HIV Justice Network, turns a critical eye towards these outdated laws and tables the difficulties she’s faced finding out exactly how they are used.



## **The international situation** **Edwin Bernard**

The HIV Justice Network is a global information and advocacy hub working to end the inappropriate use of the criminal law to regulate and punish people living with HIV. British-born writer and advocate Edwin Bernard launched the network in 2010 and updates us on where we are worldwide.



## **The public health alternative** **Lisa Bastian**

The national guidelines for managing HIV transmission risk behaviours have been updated to include U=U. Lisa Bastian, Former Chair of the Commonwealth BBV and STI Subcommittee discusses how it will better serve managing cases and reducing transmission while avoiding criminalisation.



## **Decriminalising sex work and HIV** **Jules Kim**

There have been recent efforts to decriminalise sex work in QLD, SA, NT and the ACT. Jules Kim, CEO of Scarlet Alliance, documents the progress as well as efforts to amend laws that criminalise HIV positive sex workers.



## **Successful intervention** **Aaron Cogle**

In December, last year, the WA Court of Appeal reduced the sentence in a high profile case of criminal HIV transmission. This result was due largely to the coordination of professional community activists across Australia. Aaron Cogle, ED of NAPWHA, presents the case.

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