

28 February 2020



Dear Sir/Madam

Re: Vulnerable Persons Conference II (#VPC2020)
Date: 14-15 May 2020

Responding to the Vulnerability of Children

In 2018 the University of Southern Queensland's School of Law and Justice hosted its inaugural *Domestic Violence Symposium* in response to outcomes of the *Not Now, Not Ever* Report. Following its success, a decision was made to host similar events biennially, re-branded as the Vulnerable Persons Conference. This allows not only wide event recognition, but a continued focus on current social, legal and practical priorities.

The aim of this year's conference is to draw on the theme of vulnerability with a particular focus on three key areas: 1) the vulnerability of children and victimisation; 2) responding to vulnerability to minimise risk; and 3) preventing the abuse of children with particular vulnerabilities. The importance of this event is highlighted by the staggering volume of child sexual abuse reports made during the Royal Commission and therefore the urgency to develop efficacious prevention strategies and better responses to vulnerability and victimisation.

The VPC2020 is shaping up to be a major event. We have confirmed some outstanding keynote speakers including the Honourable Di Farmer, Mr Garth Blake AM SC, Taskforce Argos, Professor Darryl Higgins and Dr Aaron Darrell – whose incredible personal story sheds a new light on the vulnerability of children in different contexts. It is our desire to make these events accessible to a broad range of professionals, practitioners and community members. We know that conferences are expensive to host and are often expensive to attend, however, we always aim to keep the registration costs for delegates to a minimum to encourage attendance by as many as possible, particularly those who would normally be excluded due to the typically high cost of these type of events.

For these reasons, we are seeking sponsorship and invite you to consider this opportunity to invest. Sponsorship is a fantastic way to advertise your services and expertise to the community. Ideally, we are seeking sponsorship support by way of merchandise to be included in the registration packs in return for advertising space in the VPC2020 program, on the in-house screen, and a table in the expo area (dependent on space availability). We are grateful for any contribution that you wish to make.

Should you wish to sponsor the event or obtain further information, please email Ms Kathy Reeves at Kathy.reeves@usq.edu.au.

On behalf of the University of Southern Queensland, the School of Law and Justice, and the symposium organisers, we want to thank you for considering sponsorship of our biennial Vulnerable Persons Conference. These conferences continue to be a significant event for Toowoomba and the wider Darling Downs region.

Yours sincerely

VPC Co-ordination Team

School of Law and Justice

Faculty of Business, Education, Law and Arts

University of Southern Queensland | Toowoomba, Queensland | 4350 | Australia