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# Fire Safety Engineering & Contractual Risk Management in NSW – The Lacrosse Aftershocks

Hosted by NSW Chapter of the Society of Fire Safety (SFS)

The NSW Chapter of the Society of Fire Safety (SFS) invites members and associated professionals to attend an upcoming Technical Information Session on Fire Safety Engineering & Contractual Risk Management – The Lacrosse Aftershocks

The seminar will cover the following topics:

- **Fire Engineering Perspective / Dr Amer Magrabi, Principal, Lote Consulting – Fire | Risk | Security.**

Amer will provide a general overview of fire engineering practice in NSW, various stages, typical contract deliverables and insurance exposures to set the scene for the Lawyer and Insurance Broker.

- **Legal Perspective / Anthony Herron, Special Council, Kreisson.**

Anthony will be covering the following in his presentation:

- Provide fire safety engineers with a NSW specific contract template in consideration of the recent Lacrosse Judgement considering statutory and contractual rights and obligations whilst mitigating risk arising from the provision of advice and consultancy work.
- Provide a summary of important contract clauses which fire safety engineers should be aware of based on the above, should a client's contract be utilised.

- **Insurance Perspective / Michael Giansiracusa, CEO, Whitbread Insurance Brokers.**

Michael's presentation will focus on recent fire safety claims case studies, recent underwriting experience and guidance for fire engineers in relation to fire engineering practice and emerging risks such as cladding.

## Who should attend?

The recommended audience for this seminar includes, but it not limited to, Architects, Designers, Mechanical Engineers, Fire Safety Engineers, Fire Protection Consultants, Building Regulation Consultants, Fire & Arson Investigators, Private Certifiers and Regulatory Authorities including Councils and Fire Brigade Personnel.

## DATE & TIME

Wednesday 13 November 2019  
2:45 - 5:00pm  
(Please arrive by 2.30pm)

## VENUE

Harricks Auditorium  
Engineers Australia  
Ground Level, 8 Thomas Street  
Chatswood

## TICKETS (including GST)

Students: Complimentary  
EA & SFS Members \$30  
Non-members \$60

## CPD

Eligible for 2.0 Continuing Professional Development (CPD) hours. Please liaise with your relevant organisation for verification.

CPD certificates of attendance can be obtained by emailing  
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## REGISTRATION ENQUIRIES

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## About the Society

For information about the NSW Chapter of the Society of Fire Safety, please contact the NSW Chair Edmund Ang at [edmund.ang@aecom.com](mailto:edmund.ang@aecom.com) or you may be interested in visiting the Society's Website

<https://www.engineersaustralia.org.au/Communities-And-Groups/Technical-Societies/Society-Of-Fire-Safety>

Members who feel they can contribute to the seminar or would like to participate in the discussion during the seminar are invited to contact the NSW Chair prior to the seminar.

## Speakers

### Fire Engineering Perspective / Dr Amer Magrabi, Principal, Lote Consulting – Fire | Risk | Security.

Amer has close to 20 years' experience in fire safety design, consulting and research covering the commercial property, transport infrastructure and industrial sectors in Australia, Asia and the Asia-Pacific. He is the Founding Partner and Principal Fire Engineer at Lote Consulting.

Lote Consulting and its LIVE Global Alliance partners provide comprehensive services in fire safety design; fire code compliance, fire testing, security and risk management.

Amer is currently an Executive Committee Member of the Engineers Australia Society of Fire Safety (SFS) NSW Chapter. He is a NER Chartered Fire Safety Engineer, Fellow of the Institution of Engineers Australia (FIEAust), C10 Accredited Certifier (NSW) and Registered Fire Safety Engineer in Singapore.

### Legal Perspective / Anthony Herron, Special Council, Kreisson.

Anthony is a Special Counsel at Kreisson and his key areas of practice include; construction and engineering law, construction dispute resolution and building legislation and regulation.

Anthony has acted for major building contractors, developers, State and local government authorities, insurers and private clients. He has also advised on construction projects and disputes and drafted and negotiated contracts for major construction projects both in Australia and overseas, as well as tender documents and supply agreements. Having worked in several in-house roles as General Counsel for a contractor and developer, he was responsible for managing governance, risk and compliance and drafting a wide array of construction related contracts and agreements.

With extensive litigation experience Anthony has conducted commercial and construction litigation in a wide range of jurisdictions, namely the Supreme and District Courts and NCAT. Anthony has also had conduct of appeals in the NSW Court of Appeal and the High Court of Australia.

For 12 years Anthony was an evening lecturer in law (contracts, commercial law, and leases) in the Faculty of Design, Architecture and Building at the University of Technology Sydney (UTS) and a part-time sessional lecturer with the University of NSW in commercial and construction law. He has previously acted as the acting editor of the Australian Construction Law Newsletter and written several articles in that publication.

### Insurance Perspective / Michael Giansiracusa, CEO, Whitbread Insurance Brokers.

After 15 years at Whitbread Insurance Brokers, Michael was appointed as Chief Executive Officer in December 2017.

Since joining Whitbread in 2002, Michael developed his insurance and business acumen from the ground up. As a specialist in both General Insurance and Life Insurance, Michael excelled in several management positions during his time at Whitbread, including Broking Operations Manager of our Commercial Division, General Manager | Corporate Partnerships, and Director of Whitbread Life. Held in high regard by both his colleagues and the wider insurance industry, it was natural that Michael progress to assume the position of Chief Executive Officer.

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