



## Medical Indemnity Industry Forum

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The Medical Indemnity Industry Association of Australia (MIIAA) is delighted to welcome delegates to its first national Medical Indemnity Forum.

*The Medical Indemnity Industry Association of Australia is the peak national body for the medical indemnity insurance sector in Australia. The Forum will be held on 24 August 2007 at Rydges Lakeside Hotel, Canberra from 8.30am to 4pm.*

"Medical indemnity is a vital part of Australia's health care system. It provides security for both doctors and consumers and underpins the delivery of high quality health care," Dr Jonathon Burdon, MIIAA Chairman, said today.

"MIIAA is committed to working with governments and other stakeholders to ensure that Australia has a secure and well-functioning medical indemnity sector, both today and into the future.

"Over the past four years there have been major changes to the delivery of medical indemnity, including increased government involvement in the industry and ongoing tort reforms.

"We believe that it is an opportune time to review the impact of these changes and share information about current and future trends in medical indemnity.

"This Forum will bring together people from the medical indemnity insurance industry with other stakeholders, including doctors, lawyers and representatives from government agencies with a role in medical insurance policies and regulation.

"It will provide delegates with a diverse and informative program covering the major issues facing the medical indemnity industry today and the challenges that will need to be addressed in the future.

"Individual sessions will focus on a range of issues including the following:

- the future vision of the Government for medical indemnity;
- tort law reform: what has been achieved and what still needs to be done;
- the central findings of MIIAA's medical indemnity database;
- reinsurance: the current state of the market and future trends; and
- issues and trends in risk management

"The day will conclude with an Open Discussion Forum where all delegates will be able to ask questions about issues raised during the day and put forward topics for debate.

"An impressive panel of expert speakers will be presenting at the Forum, including senior managers from Government, legal experts and industry representatives.

"MIIAA welcomes all participants to the first industry-focused analysis of the recent changes to medical indemnity and looks forward to working together to increase understanding and collaboration between industry, government and other stakeholders on medical indemnity issues," Dr Burdon said.

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**More information about the Forum can be found at: [www.miiiaa.com.au](http://www.miiiaa.com.au)**