Dementia is the single greatest cause of disability in older Australians aged 65 years and over, with a significant associated economic and social burden. Given our aging population there will be an increasing number of people with dementia entering the legal system, creating unique challenges around evidence, capacity, responsibility, just sentencing, and management of offenders.

Dementia may affect capacity to make decisions in various legal domains, including financial management and creation or alteration of a will. Fronto-temporal dementia (behavioural type) causes changes in a person’s behaviour and personality, which can result in criminal behaviour. In this workshop an expert panel will discuss a selection of recent cases from the Australian Neurolaw Database (www.neurolaw.edu.au) where dementia has been a central issue and draw out the legal, ethical and policy issues raised by those cases.

**Session Details:**

**When:** Friday, October 14  
**Where:** Building E3A, Room 244, Macquarie University (Campus map reference Q21)

**Program:**  
- **2.45:** Registration and afternoon tea  
- **3.05:** Welcome and introductions  
- **3.10 - 4.15:** Presentation of cases, panel discussion  
- **4.15 - 4.45:** Q&A  
- **4.45 - 5.00:** Summing up and close

*Everyone is welcome but please register for catering purposes by emailing: jeanette.kennett@mq.edu.au*

**CPD Points:** Two (2)

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**Expert Panellists:**

**Associate Professor Arlie Loughnan:**  
Criminal Law Theorist  

**Dr Hayley Bennett:**  
Barrister and Neuropsychologist  

**Dr Pauline Langeluddeke:**  
Clinical Psychologist and Expert Witness

**Associate Professor Nicole Vincent:**  
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