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## Law Council on public liability debate

The Law Council of Australia (LCA) president Tony Abbott has endorsed calls for the development of a national future care proposal for all accident victims injured by another person's fault.

Mr Abbott said he'll ask the Council at its June meeting to consider the development of such a proposal.

"This should control insurance premiums and reduce social security payments. We've already developed this approach through our support for structured settlements (allowing people to receive part of their compensation as an annuity), this future care concept is the next level," he said.

### *independent report*

Earlier this month, the LCA released an independent report that throws serious doubt on some of the claims in the current debate on public liability insurance.

The report was undertaken by actuaries Cumpston Sarjeant and commissioned by the Law Council.

On releasing the report, Mr Abbott said

contrary to recent speculation, the economic and social consequences of instability in the public liability insurance market are not widespread.

"The present concerns are principally problems of the inherently cyclical nature of the insurance market," he said.

"In real terms, recent increases in premiums have returned to average 1987-88 levels."

In finding solutions to the current problem, the Law Council has urged extreme caution in moving to restrict access to common law remedies for public liability injuries based on inaccurate and misleading information that has driven the debate so far.

The Cumpston Sarjeant report can be found on the website: [lawcouncil.asn.au](http://lawcouncil.asn.au)

## Law firm management focus for seminar

It's a topic close to many legal practitioners' hearts – firm management – and in August the General Practice Section of the Law Council of Australia, with the Australian Law Firm Management Group, will feature the issue at a special one-day seminar.

The World Masters for Law Firm Management seminar will include talks by renowned and experienced legal management consultants David Maister, Ward Bower, Sam Beasley and George Beaton.

"All four of us have a very specialised understanding of law firm management," Mr Beasley said.

"David, for instance, is a recognised authority on management strategies, whereas Ward is specifically interested in law firm economics, marketing and strategy.

"What makes this seminar special are the

different strategies that arise from our different backgrounds."

Organiser Paul Malliate says the main objective of the event is to impart management tips and strategies.

### *leading experts*

"The audience can expect what the seminar title offers," he said.

"The world's leading experts on law firm management addressing the most practical techniques and strategies."

For more information on the seminar, see the Law Council's website at: [www.lawcouncil.asn.au](http://www.lawcouncil.asn.au). ☎