

Aircraft Noise Ombudsman: Ms Narelle Bell

After graduating with a BALLB from Macquarie University and a short time in private practice, Narelle Bell joined Redfern Legal Centre as Consumer Credit Law Advocate and ultimately as Principal Solicitor. A move to the NSW Anti-Discrimination Board as Senior Legal Officer was followed by roles in the NSW Attorney General's Department, and finally as Director of the Legislation and Policy Division of the Department. She also served for a short period as Corporate Counsel for the State Rail Authority.



In 1994 Narelle was appointed to the Social Security Appeals Tribunal, the then Equal Opportunity Tribunal, the Professional Standards Council and then the Administrative Decisions Tribunal. Narelle also established a busy legal policy consultancy.

In 2001 she was appointed to the Commonwealth Administrative Appeals Tribunal, serving 13 years as a full time Senior Member on the AAT. Over the last decade she has taught reasoning, decision writing and hearing skills to courts, tribunals and agency decision makers in Australia and overseas and now consults in these and other law related areas.

Narelle is also a Member of the Western Sydney Local Health District Board, Legal Member of the Western Sydney Local health District Human Research Medical Ethics Committee and a Member of the Centre for Health Record Linkage Advisory Committee. Until recently Narelle was the Legal Member of the NSW Medical Council.