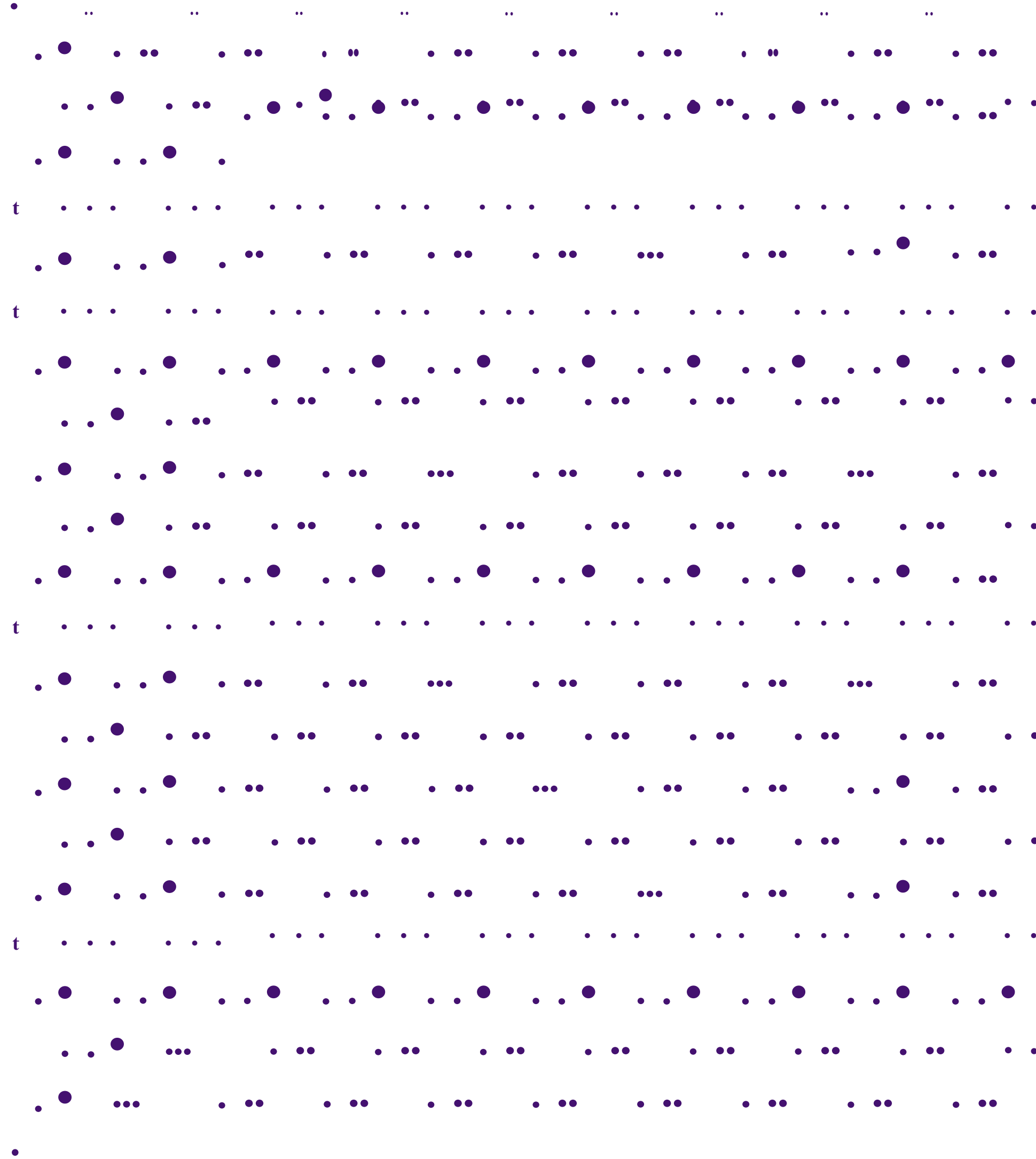


2025 Online Anti-slavery Forum

20 May, 9:00 - 11:30am (AEST)

21 May, 5:00 - 7:00pm (AEST)

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Overview

The NSW Anti-slavery Forum, held twice a year, is a signature event convened by the NSW Anti-slavery Commissioner to foster an anti-slavery Community of Purpose.

The online edition of the Anti-slavery Forum is designed to inspire and activate the anti-slavery community of purpose in New South Wales. It will bring together diverse experts and stakeholders from business, government, human rights, research, lived-experience leadership and advocacy, frontline and community services, sustainable procurement, and industrial relations, both within Australia and internationally.

All sessions will be held online via MS Teams.

Register for [DaY. One](#)

Register for [DaY. Two](#)

A safe and inclusive event for everyone

We ask all attendees to commit to making the NSW Anti-slavery Forum a safe and inclusive event for everyone. Together we strive to create an environment that supports trauma-informed and empathetic interactions between all participants, including people with lived experience of modern slavery. Please click the [Brave Space Guidelines](#) to learn more about sharing this space in a respectful, inclusive, and dignity-affirming way.

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9:00am **Strengthening anti-slavery in Australia**
Dr James Cockayne, NSW Anti-slavery Commissioner
Chris Evans, Australian Anti-Slavery Commissioner

9:30am **Pathways to Support**

Moderator:
Dr James Cockayne, NSW Anti-slavery Commissioner

Speakers:
Panos Massouris, Life Without Barriers - Forced Marriage Specialist Support Program
Claudia Cummins, Salvation Army - Additional Referral Pathway
Sarah Schricker, Co-founder, Survivor Connections

Session outline:
Over the last two years several important new support and assistance pathways have emerged in NSW for victims of modern slavery. These include the Additional Referral Pathway, 1800 FREEDOM, Survivor Connections and the Forced Marriage Specialist Support Programme. How are these initiatives playing out and what challenges remain?

10:20am **Break**

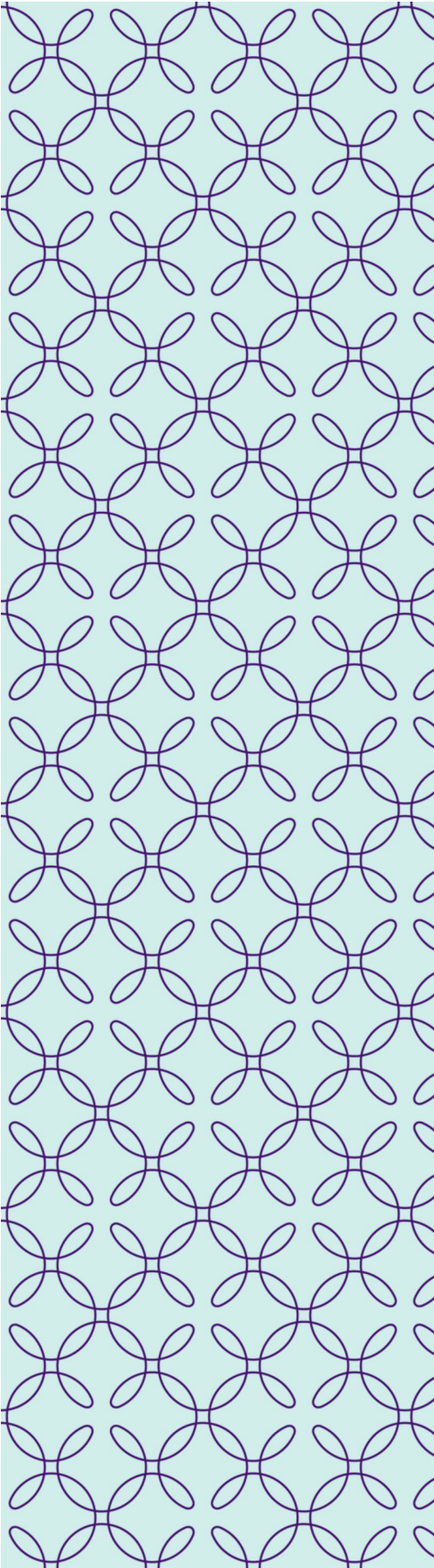
10:30am **Empowering temporary migrant worker survivors to get justice**

Moderator:
Sophia Kagan, Principal Policy Officer - Labour Migration, Office of the NSW Anti-slavery Commissioner

Speakers:
Valencia Packete, Community support volunteer, Pasifika Consulting & Welfare Support Agency
Shelley Marshall, Professor of Law, RMIT
Isabel Salinas, Legal and Research Officer, Unions NSW

Session outline:
Temporary migrant workers are especially vulnerable to labour exploitation, but also face significant challenges in accessing justice. What is the reality of migrant workers' experiences of modern slavery, and can policy reform better protect these workers?

11:20am **Wrap up Day 1, preview Day 2**
Lucy Forbes, Principal Policy Manager, Office of the NSW Anti-slavery Commissioner



5:00pm Introduction and Acknowledgment of Country
Dr James Cockayne, NSW Anti-slavery Commissioner

5:10pm Buying for good: advancing anti-slavery and social goals through procurement

Moderator:
Lucy Forbes, Principal Policy Manager, Office of the NSW Anti-slavery Commissioner

Speakers:
Laura McManus, Director, Australian Anti-Slavery Commissioner's Office
Nick O'Reilly, Executive Director, Procurement Policy, Risk and Delivery, NSW Treasury
Pauline Gothberg, National Coordinator, Swedish Regions National Secretariat - Sustainable Public Procurement
Kristin Tallbo, European Legal Advisor, The Responsible Contracting Project

Session outline:
Several jurisdictions, including NSW, have introduced procurement policies to create social value and manage modern slavery risks in public supply chains. Policymakers involved in guiding these reforms share lessons learned and outline where the next major opportunities lie in addressing modern slavery.

6:00pm Pathways to inclusion

Moderator:
Heather Moore, Director of Policy and Research, Office of the Australian Anti-Slavery Commissioner

Speakers:
Helena Hassani, Director, Boland Parwaz and Modern Slavery Lead, Mercy Foundation
Matilda Constable-Webb, Human Rights Advocate
Moe Turaga, Survivor/Advocate

Session outline:
Survivors are increasingly visible participants in Australia's anti-slavery movement. But there is currently no clear roadmap to ongoing inclusion. What are the challenges and how do we ensure safety?

6:50pm Closing remarks
Dr James Cockayne, NSW Anti-slavery Commissioner