

## Hubert Algie named Mahla Pearlman Australian Young Environmental Lawyer of the Year



Yesterday the Law Council of Australia (LCA) announced that the prestigious 2020 Mahla Pearlman Australian Young Environmental Lawyer of the Year has been awarded to Mr Hubert Algie.

Conducted annually by the Australian Environment and Planning Law Group of the Law Council's Legal Practice Section, the Mahla Pearlman Award is presented to a lawyer under the age of 35 who has made a significant contribution to environmental law.

On announcing the award Ms Pauline Wright, President of the LCA said:

*"Mr Algie is an incredibly accomplished young lawyer who has an enthusiasm and obvious talent for town planning, property and environmental matters"*

Mr Algie is not only a lawyer at Kellehers Australia, but is an active contributor to the Law Institute of Victoria through the Planning and Local Government Committee, the Environmental Issues Committee and the Property and Environmental Law Section Executive Committee. He is also a member of the Victorian Planning and Environmental Law Association (VPELA) Young Professional Group. In May 2016 Hubert was awarded the Young Professional of the Year Award by VPELA for his work relating to significant social effect within the Victorian planning system.

Since 2012, Hubert has been invited annually to lecture on Negotiation and Mediation at Humboldt University in Berlin, as part of the joint Humboldt University (Berlin) / Tulane University (USA) 'International Summer School on Alternative Dispute Resolution'.

In 2019, Mr Hubert was one of the Supervising Lawyers at the Climate Justice Clinical Legal Practice at Monash University's Faculty of Law; a unique opportunity for Monash Law students to work with experienced public-interest lawyers at the cutting edge of climate litigation and law reform.

Ms Robyn Glindemann, Chair of the Australian Environment and Planning Law Group of the Law Council of Australia, said of Hubert's nomination for the award:

*"Hubert's teaching commitments at Humboldt University in Berlin and as the convener of the Monash Climate Justice Clinic, where he is clearly delivering terrific results, elevated his nomination,"*

Hubert also Tutors at Melbourne University's Faculty of Urban Design, Planning Law and Statutory Planning.



The award is named in honour of the former Chief Judge of the Land and Environment Court of New South Wales, and former President of the Law Council of Australia, the late honourable Mahla Pearlman AO.

On being given this award, Mr Algie said:

*“It is an incredible honour to be awarded the Mahla Pearlman Australian Young Environmental Lawyer of the year.*

*Whilst our world grapples with a unique and deadly crisis, it also presents an opportunity for governments and businesses to pivot and adapt to Climate Change. The Climate Change crisis rages on and we are presented with a unique opportunity to innovate.*

*Thank you to the Law Council of Australia for this Award whose namesake led and changed the profession, not by upheaval or revolution but through her hard work, courage in the face of adversity and commitment to the law. It is an incredible honour for which I am deeply humbled and grateful.*

*Thank you to Dr Kelleher OAM and the team at Kellehers Australia for teaching, empowering and supporting me from my very earliest days at law school through to today. Finally, thank you to my clients who have trusted me with their concerns.”*

