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## Lecture to spotlight human rights abuses in North Korea

The Hon Michael Kirby AC CMG will deliver the 2014 Sir James Plimsoll Lecture tomorrow (Thursday, October 9) at the University of Tasmania's Sandy Bay campus. He will present: *The challenge of getting action on human rights abuses in North Korea*.

When he retired from the High Court of Australia in 2009, Michael Kirby was Australia's longest serving judge. His appointment to the High Court of Australia came in 1996 and he served 13 years. In later years, he was Acting Chief Justice of Australia twice.

In 2013, he was appointed Chair of the UN Commission of Inquiry on Human Rights Violations in North Korea. The Commission delivered its report in February this year, documenting wide ranging and ongoing crimes against humanity and urging a referral to the International Criminal Court.

The Hon Kirby is also an Adjunct Professor in the University of Tasmania's Faculty of Law.

### Event details

**Who:** All are welcome to attend this free public event.

**What:** 2014 Sir James Plimsoll Lecture.

**When:** Thursday 9 October, 6-7.30pm.

**Where:** Stanley Burbury Theatre, University Centre, Sandy Bay campus.

**RSVP/information:** [www.events.utas.edu.au](http://www.events.utas.edu.au) (03) 6226 2521.

**This lecture will be livestreamed:** <http://new.livestream.com/UniversityofTasmania>

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