



DAY 2: Sunday 24 November, 13.15-14.45

15 (Re)Positioning the social work profession

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While it can be argued that the discourse around a declining recognition of social workers and disempowerment of frontline workers is strident, there are strategic opportunities for social work to take a lead. This panel discussion will present three perspectives on how we might reposition social work in contemporary human services. The panel will discuss how social work knowledge skills and values can (and should) be a major contribution in disability, income security and child protection fields in Australia.

A spirited open discussion will follow panel presentations.