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### **Publishers' panel : the future of legal research**

This year's panel will include, not only representatives from commercial legal publishers, but also a representative from AustLII. Questions have been drawn from topics that have generated considerable debate recently, including:

- Why do online platforms seem to favour searching over structured browsing?
- Will Boolean searching soon be a thing of the past?
- When so much legal research involves looking at the law at a date in the past, why isn't there more online archiving and roll-back functionality?
- What impact is the free online availability of so much legal information having on legal publishing in Australia?
- The growth of new publishing models (mobile, eBook, app store style purchasing) present significant challenges for libraries. How are publishers facilitating basic library functions, such as lending and sharing, through their licensing models?