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Self-represented Litigants in Australian Courts and Tribunals – Latest Research Developments and Leading Practices

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Self-represented litigants have been the subject of academic research, government review and tribunal and court policy in Australia and internationally for several decades. These litigants can present challenges to the administration of justice but their experiences and interactions in civil and administrative justice settings also raise important questions about the accessibility of our justice systems. This presentation presents the findings from research conducted by the Australian Centre for Justice Innovation (ACJI) at Monash University for the Australasian Institute of Judicial Administration (AIJA) involving a comprehensive environmental scan of the latest research on the topic of self-represented litigants and leading practices and policies Australia-wide. Key findings from the research, themes and future directions for research will be discussed to provide conference attendees with an understanding about the state of play in this important topic of tribunal and court policy.