UQ SFPE Seminar

The Grenfell and Lacrosse Fires –
Implications for Fire Safety in Australia

By: Peter Johnson

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Venue: Room 49-502, Advanced Engineering Building, St. Lucia Campus

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Abstract:
This presentation will examine the similarities and differences between the London Grenfell Building Fire and the Melbourne Lacrosse Building Fire, and the different regulatory regimes that drove the fire safety designs. The presentation will also look at the status of current government inquiries around Australia into building facades and non-conforming products, what they are investigating, and the wider issues of professional competence, certification and inspections, which are affecting the quality of buildings and the fire risks to Australian communities.

Biography:
Peter Johnson has been working in the field of fire safety for almost 40 years. He graduated from Monash University with a degree in physics and a diploma of education. After teaching for 4 years, he worked for 20 years at Scientific Services Laboratory (SSL), initially testing fire detection and protection systems. After 10 years at SSL, Peter moved to the USA and obtained a Master’s Degree in fire protection engineering from Worcester Polytechnic Institute before returning to SSL. Peter joined the consulting design and engineering firm of Arup in 1996, and after working in London for a year, returned to Australia to start a fire engineering practice for Arup in Australia. He became the global practice leader for fire engineering for Arup.

Peter is an Arup Fellow, a Fellow of Engineers Australia, and a Fellow of the Society of Fire Protection Engineers (SFPE). He is a Past President and Honorary Life Member of the Fire Protection Association, Australia, and a Fellow of the Australian Academy of Technological Science and Engineering (ATSE).