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The Australian Skeptics are a group of people who demand evidence for paranormal activity and aim to promote critical thinking. They are interested in examining claims about psychic, paranormal and other similar phenomenon with a scientific approach and as a united front. Despite this, Skeptics disagree on some fairly fundamental issues. What is the link between skepticism and atheism, if any? What should skeptics think about human-induced climate change? Should there be a national organisation, to which all Australian skeptics can belong?

In this talk, Dr Martin Bridgstock will tackle all of these issues head-on. He will open the issues up for thought and discussion and explain his own beliefs and reasons behind them. At the end of the lecture, the audience will have a chance to share their own views.

Dr Bridgstock is a Senior Lecturer at Griffith University and has been associated with the skeptical movement for more than 25 years. He runs the highly successful and numerously awarded course Skepticism, Science and the Paranormal. He is a former joint Australian Skeptic of the year, a consultant to Crime Scene Investigation, and has also won the Australian Skeptics’ Prize for Critical Thinking. Dr Bridgstock’s book Beyond Belief was published by Cambridge University Press last year.

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