

HANDBOOK

NGA09



National General Assembly of Local Government
21-24 June 2009

NATIONAL CONVENTION CENTRE CANBERRA

09 RISING TO THE CHALLENGE

Infrastructure
Climate Change
and Financing





Climate change is one of the greatest economic, social, and environmental challenges of our time.

The Australian Government takes the challenge of climate change seriously. Our approach is to:

- reduce greenhouse pollution in Australia in the short and long term
- work with the international community to develop a global response that is effective and fair
- prepare for the climate change that we cannot avoid.

Local government is at the forefront of managing the impacts of climate change. The Australian Government is assisting local governments to identify and implement climate change adaptation actions.

Visit www.climatechange.gov.au for more information or **Stand 31** during the National General Assembly of Local Government 2009.

Think climate. Think change. We can't afford not to.





President's Welcome

Thank you for Rising to the Challenge by participating in this National General Assembly of Local Government (NGA).

The NGA is the most significant event on the national local government calendar and we have Mayors, Shire Presidents and Councillors and senior council officers from across Australia attending this year.

A number of important issues will be debated at the NGA in relation to future local government financing, funding for infrastructure and managing the effects of climate change.

The meeting of all mayors and shire presidents with the Prime Minister (the Australian Council of Local Government [ACLG]) has been scheduled to follow the NGA on Thursday 25 June. Accordingly, we have programmed the final session of the NGA to consider shared local government priorities for the topics on the agenda for the ACLG meeting. This discussion will provide a powerful mandate to inform the contributions of delegates who are also attending the ACLG.

ALGA has received more than 140 motions from councils across the country and this demonstrates the high level of interest councils have in the NGA as a forum for national debate across local government. Councils were requested to submit motions which relate to the three themes of the NGA—climate change, infrastructure and finance. Motions which are similar have been amalgamated into a 'composite motion' to aid debate. The composite motions have attempted to capture the common themes and priorities of these motions, however, if you believe a position or nuance in a motion has not been adequately captured in a composite motion, you still have the ability to move the original motion for debate.

The structure of the 2009 NGA is based on ALGA's successful 2008 Local Government Constitutional Summit. The Summit approach ensured that debate was more focused and on point, which in turn resulted in more constructive and tangible outcomes. We will be aiming to repeat this approach at this year's NGA.

All motions are listed in the Business Papers which are included in satchel. Three focused panel sessions, facilitated by journalist George Negus and including specialists in each field, will give all delegates the opportunity to discuss motions in each of the three key areas in advance of the NGA entering formal debate.

I am pleased that we have a number of senior political leaders participating in this year's NGA:

- Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government, the Hon Anthony Albanese;
- Leader of the Opposition, the Hon Malcolm Turnbull;
- Leader of the Nationals, Shadow Minister for Trade, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government the Hon Warren Truss;
- Leader of the Australian Greens, Senator Bob Brown;
- Minister Assisting the Minister for Climate Change, the Hon Greg Combet AM, MP; and
- Minister for Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy, Senator the Hon Stephen Conroy.

This year's NGA is designed to give delegates the maximum opportunity for participation, to ensure that all Australian communities and states are represented and to reflect the views of local government nationally.

It is important that sufficient time, resources and thinking be committed to ensure the outcomes of this NGA are focused on benefiting all Australian communities now and into the future.

Over the next few days, I invite you to reflect on your community, its aspirations and needs, your role as a community leader and how national policy should be structured to reflect these priorities. There is much work for us to do over the coming days.

Yours sincerely

Geoff Lake
President, ALGA

THEME

Rising to the Challenge

→ INFRASTRUCTURE, CLIMATE CHANGE AND FINANCING

This year's General Assembly theme *Rising to the Challenge: Infrastructure, Climate Change and Financing* enables local government to focus on some of the most topical and important national issues. The Federal Government has indicated its intention to work in a strategic, collaborative relationship with local government. Its commitment to this has been demonstrated by the \$800m regional infrastructure program funding as part of the Economic Stimulus Package.

The National General Assembly (the Assembly) is the primary forum through which councillors can inject local ideas, local flavour and local priorities into policy formulation in these crucial areas. Outcomes from previous assemblies complemented by 'grass roots' evidence and active lobbying by ALGA, has shown local government to be a key player in generating ideas and shaping policy. The current economic climate means that government is keen to listen to ideas which can invigorate the economy.

Community infrastructure that is well-located, well-designed and properly maintained is critically important to the social, cultural and economic success of every Australian community. Local government is the key to successful local and regional community transport and infrastructure.

Communities that have well-maintained community infrastructure are also more likely to ensure the economic vibrancy of rural and urban Australia. Our challenge is that numerous reports have found local government to be struggling to meet community demand for new infrastructure, as well as maintaining the existing ageing physical asset base of roads and community infrastructure, a backlog estimated to be \$14.5 billion.

Climate Change is arguably the greatest challenge that Australia confronts. Mitigation of greenhouse gas emissions and adaptation to the impacts of climate change will transform the Australian economy, environment and society as a whole.

Local government is at the forefront of mitigation and adaptation to climate change.

Reducing Australia's greenhouse gas emissions and preparing Australian communities for the unavoidable impacts of climate change is a national challenge for local government and the diverse communities it serves.

Financing is a key issue for local government with successive assemblies and ALGA's strategic lobbying agenda calling for greater general purpose funding for local government. The Federal Government's new collaborative approach sees local government as a major player, even a partner, in a relationship that is strengthening and growing every day. Our challenge is to ensure our needs and those of the people we serve are considered in the development of Australia's future federal fiscal policy.

Based on the success of the 2008 Constitutional Summit—A Special National General Assembly of Local Government, the ALGA Board has introduced new processes this year calling for motions that address the Assembly's themes. This process is designed to ensure that the Assembly outcomes are focused on priority national policy issues that impact on local government.

Establishing overarching themes aims to encourage motions that will provide clear recommendations about national priorities that ALGA can pursue for local government.

Local government has an opportunity, on 21-24 June, to *Rise to the Challenge*.

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National General Assembly of Local Government 2009



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National General Assembly

REGISTRATION

SUNDAY 21 JUNE 2009 2:00 pm–7:00 pm
National Convention Centre

MONDAY 22 JUNE 2009 8:00 am–5:00 pm
National Convention Centre

TUESDAY 23 JUNE 2009 8:30 am–5:00 pm
National Convention Centre

WEDNESDAY 24 JUNE 2009 8:30 am–2:00 pm
National Convention Centre

VENUE AND DRESS CODE

The National General Assembly will be held at the National Convention Centre, Constitution Avenue, Canberra. All sessions will be held in the Royal Theatre. The Local Government Expo will be Exhibition Hall.

Dress code to the event is business attire.

Accompanying Partner's Program

Those booked on the Accompanying Partner's Program are asked to meet in the Crowne Plaza Canberra foyer at 10:00 am for the Monday and Tuesday tours.

NATIONAL PORTRAIT GALLERY + MANUKA

Monday 22 June 2009

Departing from the foyer of the Crowne Plaza Hotel at 10:00 am you'll visit one of Canberra's newest attractions. The National Portrait Gallery opened in December 2008. The Gallery displays around 400 portraits of people who have shaped Australia. During June, a touring exhibition **Vanity Fair Portraits: Photographs 1913–2008** from the Portrait Gallery of London will be on display, and traces photographic portraiture through the archives of Vanity Fair Magazine. Expect to see many famous faces.

Following lunch enjoy some free time for shopping in Manuka or find a cosy café for a coffee or hot chocolate.

AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL + THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES

Tuesday 23 June 2009

Departing from the Foyer of the Crowne Plaza Hotel at 10:00 am we will visit the Australian War memorial where the special exhibition **A is for Animals** is on display. This exhibition is an A to Z of animals in war, from mascots and messengers to creepy-crawlies.

After lunch visit the National Archives of Australia and see the Memory of a Nation. Highlights include, Charles Kingsford-Smith's application for a pilot's licence, a letter from Don Bradman to Robert Menzies in 1963 agreeing to play in the PM's XI cricket match—but not without qualms.

Social Functions

WELCOME RECEPTION AND EXHIBITION OPENING

Sunday 21 June 2009, 5:00 pm–7:00 pm

National Convention Centre

DRESS CODE Smart Casual

AUSTRALIA POST DINNER

Monday 22 June 2009 7:00 pm–11:00 pm

National Convention Centre

DRESS CODE Smart Casual

GENERAL ASSEMBLY ANNUAL DINNER

Tuesday 23 June 7:00 pm–11:00 pm

The Great Hall, Parliament House

DRESS CODE Lounge Suit/Collar and Tie

Travel

CAR PARKING

Parking for delegates is available underneath the National Convention Centre for a cost of approximately \$10.00 per day. Alternative voucher public parking is available across the road at a cost of approximately \$8.00 per day. Please remember to bring coins for the machine.

COACH TRANSFERS

DAILY SHUTTLES TO AND FROM THE NATIONAL CONVENTION CENTRE

A shuttle service between all General Assembly hotels (*except* Crowne Plaza Canberra) and the National Convention Centre will operate between the following times:

- Monday 7:15 am–8:15 am and returning at 5:10 pm
- Tuesday 8:00 am–8:45 am and returning at 5:10 pm
- Wednesday 8:00 am–8:45 am and returning (to hotels and the airport) at 2:30 pm

MOBILE MUSTER WELCOME RECEPTION AND EXHIBITION OPENING

Sunday 21 June 2009

Coaches will collect delegates from all General Assembly hotels (*except* Crowne Plaza Canberra) at approximately 4:45 pm. The return coaches will depart from 6:45 pm.

AUSTRALIA POST DINNER AT THE NATIONAL CONVENTION CENTRE

Monday 22 June

Coaches will collect delegates from all General Assembly hotels (*except* Crowne Plaza Canberra) at 6:45 pm. A return shuttle service will operate between 10:30 pm and 11:00 pm.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY ANNUAL DINNER PARLIAMENT HOUSE

Tuesday 23 June

Coaches will collect delegates from all General Assembly hotels (*including* Crowne Plaza Canberra) at 6:45 pm. A return shuttle service will operate between 10:30 pm and 11:45 pm.

AIRPORT AND HOTEL TRANSFERS WEDNESDAY 24 JUNE

Coaches will transfer delegates from the National Convention Centre to Assembly hotels (*except* Crowne Plaza Canberra) and the airport from 2:30 pm.

Contacts

ASSEMBLY HOTEL ADDRESSES AND PHONE NUMBERS

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DAY 1 SUNDAY 21 JUNE

5:00 PM MobileMuster Welcome Reception
(5:00 pm–7:00 pm)

DAY 2 MONDAY 22 JUNE

9:00 AM Opening Ceremony

9:30 AM Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government
the Hon Anthony Albanese

10:15 AM MORNING TEA

10:45 AM Constitutional Reform: Overview and Update,
ALGA President, **Geoff Lake**

10:55 AM Constitutional Reform: The Technical Case
Professor George Williams

11:15 AM Constitutional Reform: Campaign Strategy
Robert Ray

11:45 PM Constitutional Reform: Delegate Question
and Answer

12:45 PM LUNCH

1:45 PM **Professor Will Steffen**, ANU Climate
Change Institute

2:15 PM **John Stevens**, Clarence City Council

2:30 PM **Sarah Gardner** and **Rebecca Durdev**
Gold Coast City Council

2:45 PM AFTERNOON TEA

3:15 PM Delegate Discussion: Climate Change
Expert Guides:
→ **Professor Will Steffen**
ANU Climate Change Institute
→ **Elisa DeWit**, Deacons Law Firm
→ **John Stevens**, Clarence City Council
→ **Sarah Gardner** and **Rebecca Durdev**
Gold Coast City Council

4:30 PM Minister Assisting the Minister for Climate
Change, **the Hon Greg Combet** AM, MP

7:00 PM Australia Post Dinner

NATIONAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT

RISING TO THE CHALLENGE

DAY 3 TUESDAY 23 JUNE

- 8:30 AM Debate on Motions: Climate Change
- 10:15 AM MORNING TEA
- 10:45 AM Leader of the Australian Greens
Senator Bob Brown
- 11:30 AM Delegate Discussion: Finances
Expert Guides:
→ **Peter Abelson**, Applied Economics
→ **Scott Lennon**, PricewaterhouseCoopers
- 12:30 PM LUNCH
- 1:45 PM Delegate Discussion: Finances
Expert Guides:
→ **Peter Abelson**, Applied Economics
→ **Scott Lennon**, PricewaterhouseCoopers
- 2:45 PM AFTERNOON TEA
- 3:15 PM Delegate Discussion: Infrastructure
Expert Guides:
→ **Stephen Alchin**, Infrastructure Australia
→ **Frank McGuire**
- 4:30 PM Leader of the Opposition
the Hon Malcolm Turnbull
- 7:00 PM Official Assembly Dinner, Great Hall
Parliament House

DAY 4 WEDNESDAY 24 JUNE

- 8:30 AM **Senator the Hon Stephen Conroy**
Minister for Broadband, Communications
and the Digital Economy
- 9:15 AM Bushfire and Flood Disaster Reflection
- 9:30 AM Leader of the Nationals, Shadow Minister for
Trade, Transport, Regional Development and
Local Government, **the Hon Warren Truss**
- 10:15 AM MORNING TEA
- 10:45 AM Debate on Motions: Finances and
Infrastructure
- 12:00 NOON Australian Council of Local Government
(ACLG) Workshop
- 1:15 PM ALGA President's Close
- 1:30 PM LUNCH

Political Speakers



THE HON ANTHONY ALBANESE

Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government

Anthony Albanese is the Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government, and the Leader of the House of Representatives.

Minister Albanese was first elected to Federal Parliament in 1996 as the Member for Grayndler. He served as a member of the Shadow Ministry from 1998 to 2007.

Anthony was elected to the House of Representatives as the Member for Grayndler in 1996, 1998, 2001, 2004 and 2007.

SENATOR BOB BROWN

Leader of the Australian Greens

As a State MP, Bob Brown introduced a wide range of private member's initiatives, including for freedom of information, death with dignity, lowering parliamentary salaries, gay law reform, banning the battery-hen industry and nuclear free Tasmania. Some succeeded, others not.

Bob was a driving force in forming the Australian Greens in 1992. He has travelled extensively, fostering Green politics and forming close links with Greens in Europe, the Americas, Africa and Asia.

In 1996 Bob was elected to the Australian Senate, where some of the bills he has introduced include constitutional reform, forest protection, blocking radioactive waste dumping, voluntary euthanasia, banning mandatory sentencing of Aboriginal children, an Australian republic, banning junk food advertising to children and reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

He was re-elected in 2001 and again in 2007, with 17.74% of the Senate vote.

THE HON GREG COMBET AM, MP

Minister Assisting the Minister for Climate Change

The Hon Greg Combet AM MP, Parliamentary Secretary for Climate Change and Member for Charlton grew up in western Sydney and worked as a trades assistant, in coal mining, and in a range of community organisations, before becoming a union official.

After working for the Waterside Workers Federation for some years, Greg joined the Australian Council of Trade Unions (ACTU) in 1993 and was leader of the ACTU from 1999 to 2007.

During his time at the ACTU, Greg oversaw numerous national wage cases to secure pay rises for low-paid Australian workers.

He was awarded a member of the Order of Australia in 2006.

Following the Labor Party's Federal Election win in November 2007, Greg was appointed Parliamentary Secretary for Defence Procurement in the Rudd Labor Government.

On 25th February 2009 the Prime Minister announced a portfolio reshuffle and Greg was appointed Parliamentary Secretary for Climate Change.

SENATOR THE HON STEPHEN CONROY

Minister for Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy

Senator the Hon Stephen Conroy was appointed to the position of Federal Minister for Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy in December 2007. He is also Deputy Leader of the Government in the Senate.

Stephen has been actively involved in the communications sector for six years, first as Senate Representative for shadow communications spokesman Lindsay Tanner and then as shadow communications minister until the November 2007 Federal election.

Stephen is passionate about the media and communications sector and engaging with industry to foster innovation and growth.

POLITICAL SPEAKERS

- THE HON ANTHONY ALBANESE
- SENATOR BOB BROWN
- THE HON GREG COMBET AM, MP
- SENATOR THE HON STEPHEN CONROY
- THE HON WARREN TRUSS
- THE HON MALCOLM TURNBULL

Stephen was appointed as a Senator for Victoria for the Australian Labor Party in 1996. Previously he was an industrial officer and superannuation officer for the Transport Workers Union Victorian Branch from 1992 to 1996; a ministerial adviser to the State Minister for Industry from 1990 to 1992 and an assistant adviser to the Speaker of the House of Representatives from 1988 to 1990.

From 1986 to 1987, Stephen was an electorate officer for the Federal Member for Canberra, consultant to the Minister for Science and Minister assisting the Minister for Industry, Technology and Commerce and electorate officer for the Minister for Home Affairs. He worked for the Metal Trades Industry Association from 1984 to 1986.

THE HON WARREN TRUSS

Leader of the Nationals, Shadow Minister for Trade, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government the Hon Warren Truss

Mr Truss entered Federal Parliament in March 1990, as a National Party member representing the diverse and fast growing electorate of Wide Bay in south-eastern Queensland.

Warren was appointed Minister for Trade in September 2006, after having served as Minister for Transport and Regional Services from July 2005. For all but two weeks of the previous six years, he was Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry. He has also served as Community Services Minister and Customs and Consumer Affairs Minister since first being appointed to the Howard/Fischer Coalition Ministry in October 1997.

Prior to entering Federal Parliament, Mr Truss was a councillor on the Kingaroy Shire Council from 1976 to 1990, the last years as Mayor. He served as President of the Burnett District Local Government Association and Chairman of the Fraser Coast—South Burnett Regional Tourism Board.

THE HON MALCOLM TURNBULL

Leader of the Opposition

Malcolm Turnbull was elected by his Liberal Party colleagues to lead the Coalition on 16 September 2008. Prior to this Malcolm held the position of Shadow Treasurer.

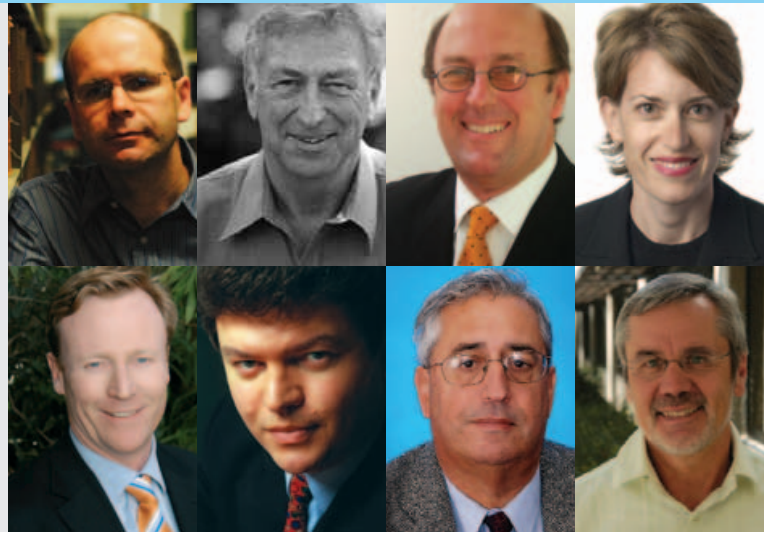
In 1997 Malcolm was elected to attend the Australian Constitutional Convention. He led the republican case in that Convention and in the subsequent referendum.

Malcolm initiated numerous policy and research projects in areas such as education, indigenous affairs, home ownership affordability, balancing work and family responsibilities and national population and fertility policy through his position as Chair of the Menzies Research Centre from 2001.

At the federal election in 2004, Malcolm was elected as the Member for Wentworth and upon entering Parliament he joined the Joint Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade as well as the House of Representatives Standing Committees on Economics, Health and Ageing and Legal and Constitutional Affairs.

On 27 January 2006, Malcolm was appointed Parliamentary Secretary to the Prime Minister and just over twelve months later, he was appointed to Cabinet as the Minister for Environment and Water Resources—a position he held until the federal election in November 2007.

Expert Speakers



CONSTITUTIONAL REFORM EXPERT

PROFESSOR GEORGE WILLIAMS

Professor George Williams is the Anthony Mason Professor of Law and Foundation Director of the Gilbert and Tobin Centre of Public Law at the University of New South Wales. He is based in Canberra as a visiting fellow at the Australian National University College of Law and had held visiting positions in Toronto, New York and London.

Professor Williams has written and edited 22 books, including *Australian Constitutional Law and Theory* and *The Oxford Companion to the High Court of Australia* and practises as a barrister in the High Court of Australia.

DELEGATE DISCUSSION EXPERT GUIDES

PETER ABELSON

Managing Director, Applied Economics

Dr Peter Abelson has a B.A. from Oxford University, M.Sc. (Economics) from the London School of Economics, and a Ph.D from London University. Peter has over 30 years of consulting experience in Australia and overseas, specializing in public economics and cost-benefit analysis. He also runs regular executive training courses for public servants.

His recent work in Australia includes government pricing policy, major transport projects, evaluation of public health programs and hospitals, planning for infrastructure, and analyses of housing prices. He has worked for international agencies in many countries including China, India, Thailand, Kenya, Nigeria, Egypt, Zambia, Bolivia and Papua New Guinea. Peter held a Personal Chair at Macquarie University from 2001 to 2005.

Currently he works with Sydney University, the University of New South Wales, the Australian National University and the Australian and New Zealand School of Government. Peter has considerable experience in Local Government, including eight years as councillor and two as Mayor of Mosman Council, Sydney.

STEPHEN ALCHIN

General Manager, Infrastructure Australia

Stephen Alchin has almost 30 years' experience in urban and transport planning, across all three spheres of government and in the private sector. Stephen has broad experience in local government, having started his professional life with Gosford City Council, before working with the Local Government and Shires Associations of NSW, and then as Executive Director of the Western Sydney Regional Organisation of Councils.

Stephen's broad experience in transport planning and infrastructure matters developed further at the NSW Department of Transport, where he was Project Director for the Ultimo-Pyrmont Light Rail Project. He then held senior strategy and planning roles in the NSW railway system, before taking the roles of Executive Director, Planning and Infrastructure in Transport NSW and head of transport planning in the NSW Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Natural Resources.

Following several years as a consultant, Stephen has returned to government, taking the role of General Manager, Planning at Infrastructure Australia. At Infrastructure Australia, he has been closely involved in the development of the Infrastructure Priority List that was recommended to government, and, amongst other things, the COAG sponsored review of major infrastructure approval processes.

ELISA DeWIT

Partner, Deacons Law Firm

Elisa leads the environment practice of Deacon's Melbourne office and heads the firm's national climate change practice. Elisa is an experienced environment and planning lawyer, with a career covering practice in three Australian jurisdictions and the United Kingdom.

Her environmental experience includes advising on various environmental permitting regimes, including waste management, pollution control and discharge consents, representing clients in connection with environmental offences or breaches of environmental legislation and undertaking substantial due diligence exercises.

Elisa has a detailed understanding of the proposed Emissions Trading Scheme for Australia, the Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme, and has provided advice to the waste industry, local government, state government authorities and other industry sectors on the operation and implications of the CPRS and National Greenhouse and Energy Reporting System. Elisa's climate change practice also includes advising on climate change related litigation.

CONSTITUTIONAL REFORM EXPERT

→ PROFESSOR GEORGE WILLIAMS

EXPERT GUIDES

- PETER ABELSON
- STEPHEN ALCHIN
- ELISA DE WIT
- SCOTT LENNON
- FRANK MCGUIRE
- ROBERT RAY
- PROFESSOR WILL STEFFEN

SCOTT LENNON

Economic Advisory, PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC)

Scott leads the PwC Economic Group in Sydney which has strong skills in economic assessments, social and economic cost benefit analysis, regulatory impact statements, cost effectiveness and benchmarking evaluations, economic impact assessments and demand analysis.

Since joining PwC in 1999, Scott has specialised in providing advice to infrastructure and government clients with a focus on the impacts of pricing on demand, project investment appraisals using triple bottom line basis and developing regulatory frameworks for third party access to monopoly assets.

Having worked for a number of years at an economic regulator, and for a rail company, he brings an extensive knowledge of both the commercial and policy issues related to infrastructure businesses. Scott has also completed a significant range of infrastructure advisory projects across the Asia-Pacific Region.

FRANK MCGUIRE

Frank McGuire is a strategist, community leader and dual winner of Australian journalism's most prestigious honour, the *Walkley Award*, as an investigative reporter for *Four Corners* and producer for *Sunday*.

He pioneered building the Global Learning Village in Broadmeadows taking the suburb where he grew up from being regarded as the end of the line by outsiders to international acclaim within a decade, in a highly successful partnership with the City of Hume.

The Global Learning Village is designed to provide the social infrastructure necessary for 21st Century communities. It can be established in conjunction with schools, libraries, childcare centres, sports facilities or other community hubs.

It co-ordinates partnerships between the three tiers of Government, business big and small, the community, not-for-profit and philanthropic sectors and the academy to maximise results. All hubs are tailored to local needs and aim to deliver smarter, healthier and better-connected communities. They focus on the attributes that largely determine where people end up in life: attitude, education and opportunity.

Establishing the Global Learning Village in a suburb that didn't even have its own public library six years ago was beyond the realm of expectation and has had a profound effect.

It has blossomed into a network of more than 400 organisations ranging from neighbourhood houses and skills shops to TAFE colleges and universities. This network delivers access to mentoring for homework, lifelong learning, jobs, business development and even belly dancing classes. Both sides of politics have embraced the model, with John Howard presenting two Prime Minister's Awards for its community building and Kevin Rudd last year launching the Australian Government's Social Inclusion Board at the Hume Global Learning Centre.

ROBERT RAY

Special Counsel, CPR

Robert Ray left the Senate in May 2008 after 27 years of membership of the Federal Parliamentary Labor Party. Robert served under Leaders and Prime Ministers from Bill Hayden through to Kevin Rudd. He was a Minister for nine years, eight of them in Cabinet.

Often described as the quintessential insider, Robert was the longest serving member of a Federal Parliamentary Committee since Federation—the Procedure Committee. He was also the longest serving member of the Senate Privileges Committee and the Joint Committee on Security and Intelligence. As a member of numerous Senate Estimates Committees, Robert was noted for his forensic inquisitorial style.

In addition to his parliamentary and ministerial responsibilities, Robert was a member of the National Executive of the ALP for 15 years and was a powerful contributor to debates on controversial issues at numerous National Conferences.

Robert enjoys a significant reputation for his contribution to parliamentary and public life.

PROFESSOR WILL STEFFEN

Executive Director, ANU Climate Change Institute

Professor Will Steffen is Executive Director of the ANU Climate Change Institute at the Australian National University (ANU), Canberra, and is also Science Adviser, Department of Climate Change, Australian Government. From 1998 to mid-2004, he served as Executive Director of the *International Geosphere-Biosphere Programme*, based in Stockholm, Sweden. His research interests span a broad range within the field of Earth System science, with an emphasis on incorporation of human processes in Earth System modelling and analysis; and on sustainability, climate change and the Earth System.

Expert Speakers



DISCUSSION EXPERT GUIDES

- REBECCA DURDEV
- SARAH GARDNER
- JOHN STEVENS

REBECCA DURDEV

Project Manager Climate Change Strategy

Rebecca is the Project Manager for Gold Coast City Council's Climate Change Strategy—the Climate Change Strategy policy was adopted by Council on 11 May 2009. Rebecca is responsible for managing all aspects of the strategy from development to implementation and performance measurement and co-ordinating mitigation and adaptation actions within Council and for the community to address the risks, challenges and opportunities presented by climate change.

Currently, she is undertaking a Bachelor of Business degree through Monash University with a double major in International Business and Human Resource Management.

Interestingly, Rebecca has had two streams to her career, the first stream focussing on project management and delivery for Federal, State and Local government programs complimented by qualifications in project management and auditing, the other stream has focussed on award-winning customer service quality and excellence in the call centre industry, with a valuable mix of public and private sector appointments.

SARAH GARDNER

Executive Co-ordinator Environment and Infrastructure

Sarah manages the Environment and Infrastructure Unit in the Strategic and Environmental Planning and Policy Branch of Gold Coast City Council. The Unit is responsible for infrastructure planning, environmental planning and conservation, waterways and flood management, sustainability integration and climate change.

As part of her climate change portfolio Sarah is the Project Director for the Gold Coast City Council's Climate Change Strategy from development to implementation. Sarah has a Bachelors Degree in Resource and Environmental Planning, a Certificate in Maori Language and is currently completing a Diploma in Local Government Administration.

Sarah was previously the Manager of the Development Assessment area for a Regional Council in New Zealand.

JOHN STEVENS

John has a Civil Engineering Honours Degree from the University of Adelaide and began his career with the Engineering and Water Supply Department (SA Water) working in the design, water resources, construction and water and sewerage operations areas of the Department.

John was appointed to the SA National Parks and Wildlife Service as the sole engineer to provide expertise and co-ordinate infrastructure development for all major capital developments in reserves across South Australia.

John is currently the Group Manager Asset Management for the Clarence City Council in Tasmania and has responsibility for development, operations and maintenance of all Council's water, sewerage, roads, drainage, recreation and natural assets.



Discussion Facilitator

FACILITATOR

→ GEORGE NEGUS

DELEGATE DISCUSSION FACILITATOR

GEORGE NEGUS

After 40 years globe-trotting for television programs like Nine's *60 Minutes*, the ABC's *Foreign Correspondent* and now, SBS TV's *Dateline*, George Negus is regarded as Australia's iconic international journalist.

But it all began in his home State of Queensland where as a schoolboy, he played inter-State cricket and was junior soccer ball-juggling champion. After teachers college and studying Arts at the University of Queensland, George taught high school Maths and English in Brisbane schools and in the UK.

Armed with a Diploma in Journalism, his media career commenced at 28 with *The Australian* newspaper, moving to its Canberra bureau, later, the *Australian Financial Review* and onto television current affairs, via the ABC's *This Day Tonight* and a decade with Channel Nine's historically successful *Sixty Minutes*.

BREAKFAST

STEP UP TO THE CHALLENGE

ICLEI: Local Governments for Sustainability—Oceania Recognition and Briefing Breakfast

Monday 22 June 2009, 7:00–8:30 am



ICLEI is an international movement of local governments and national and regional local government organisations committed to sustainable development through action at local level. Across Australia, ICLEI Oceania is working with local councils tackling climate change and working with their communities to achieve tangible sustainable outcomes.

Councils participating in the Cities for Climate Protection Program®, and the Water Campaign™ will be awarded for program achievements. Delegates will be updated on the work of the Australasian Mayors Council for Climate Protection (AMCCP), the Adaptive and Resilient Communities Program and ICLEI Oceania's work in Indonesia.

All council delegates are invited to attend this event. For further information, or to register for this event, please contact the Events Team, on phone (03) 9639 8688 or email events-anz@iclei.org

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**STATE OF THE
REGIONS REPORT
2008-09**

The *State of the Regions Report*, prepared by National Economics for the Australian Local Government Association, identifies a troubling convergence of factors that will impact regional economic development across Australia.

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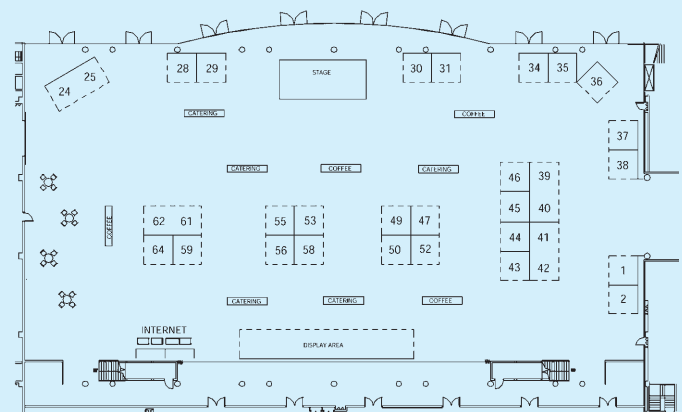
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The Department of Climate Change is responsible for delivering the Australian Government's climate change framework, based on the three pillars of:

- reducing Australia's greenhouse gas emissions;
- adapting to the impacts of climate change we cannot avoid; and
- helping to shape a global solution.

The early impacts of climate change have already appeared and further impacts are inevitable. The decisions we make today about infrastructure, health, water management, agriculture, biodiversity and housing will have lasting consequences. Therefore, it is important to begin planning now for the impacts of climate change in the future.

STAND 34 + 35

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The Mobile Carriers Forum (MCF) is a division of the Australian Mobile Telecommunications Association (AMTA), the peak industry body for the telecommunications industry. The MCF is a specialised AMTA Forum that deals specifically with social, environmental, policy and regulatory issues relating to the deployment and operation of mobile phone networks. Its members are mobile network carriers.

The MCF strives to ensure that the mobile carriers' industry addresses community expectations about the deployment of mobile phone base stations and balances the needs of Australia's 22 million mobile phone subscribers with local community concerns

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Over 280 local councils are actively involved in MobileMuster by:

- Promoting why and where their residents can recycle their mobiles including batteries, charges and accessories.
- Running short term collections at community events.
- Setting up collection points in libraries, council offices, community centres and resource recovery centres (about 700 public locations).
- Collecting mobile phones through kerbside recycling and/or separating out mobile phone components at Material Recycling Facilities.

Councils who participate receive a PR tool-kit and support, collection boxes and a pick-up service. All are provided free of charge. Councils can also nominate for the MobileMuster Local Government Awards which are presented annually at the ALGA National General Assembly.

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The Australian Local Government Association (ALGA) represents local government at the national level. It was founded in 1947, as a federation of associations in each of Australia's six states and the Northern Territory. Since 2001, the membership has included the Australian Capital Territory (ACT) government.

The ALGA Board, made up of representatives from each of the associations and the ACT government, makes ALGA policy; and in so doing is assisted by the state and territory associations and the ACT Government. The Board is informed by consultation with councils and events such as this National General Assembly.

A full member of the Council of Australian Government (COAG), ALGA is actively involved in a wide range of Ministerial Councils and national forums, taskforces and consultative committees.

Some of the key issues facing local government include:

- Efficient and sustainable local government (including asset management and the sharing of leading practice);
- Local government funding;
- Constitutional recognition; and
- Community infrastructure.

Come along and meet some of the people who represent local government at the Federal level and discuss these and other issues with them.

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Mayors for Peace is a global network of 2870 local governments who use their collective voice to advocate peace and nuclear disarmament. Founded in 1982, the organisation is led by the Mayor of Hiroshima, and has NGO consultative status at the UN. Mayors for Peace encourages and supports Local Governments to take both local and global action for peace. The growing Australian movement is adding its voice to the International work by planning coordinated activities and advocacy. The International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons and the Australian Local Governance Association have been supporting the network.

Mayors for Peace will meet at the Menzies Theatre at 2:45 pm on Monday 22 June

STAND 45

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The Japan Local Government Centre (CLAIR, Sydney) is a semi-government, non-profit organisation, representing local governments in Japan and helping facilitate their international programmes, and introducing the system of local governance, current issues and best practices in Australia to Japanese local governments.

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The AYF engages young people through this website, and also in person at forums and community activities. It brings young people, the youth sector and the Australian Government closer together, and gives them an opportunity to be heard.

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The department's key objectives are to:

- manage the lawful and orderly entry and stay of people in Australia, including through effective border security; and
- promote a society which values Australian citizenship, appreciates cultural diversity and enables migrants to participate equitably.

STAND 61 + 62

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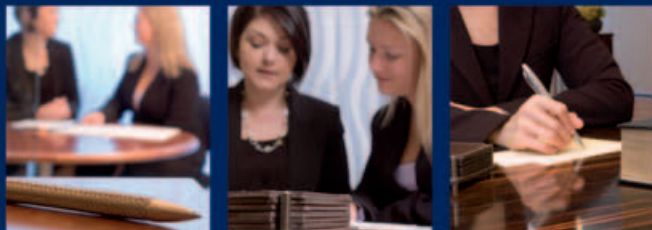
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