
A Roundtable program

Day 1 – Tuesday 19 August 2008

6.30 – 7.00 pm *Pre-dinner drinks*

7.00 – 10.00 pm *Dinner*

*Welcome by **Gary Banks**, Chairman, Productivity Commission*

Guest speaker:

Professor Warwick McKibbin

Executive Director, Centre for Applied Macroeconomic Analysis, ANU

Day 2 – Wednesday 20 August 2008

8.30 – 9.00 **Registration**

Welcome and introduction

9.00 – 9.20 **Gary Banks**, Chairman, Productivity Commission

Session 1 *Stocktake of the effectiveness of current approaches to environmental issues*

Chair: Gary Banks, Chairman, Productivity Commission

9.20 – 9.35 **Professor John Freebairn**, Melbourne University

9.35 – 9.50 **Drew Collins**, Managing Director, BDA Group

9.50 – 10.05 **Dr Arlene Buchan**, Healthy Rivers Campaign Coordinator, Australian Conservation Foundation

10.05 – 10.35 Roundtable discussion

10.35 – 10.50 **Morning tea**

Session 2 *Market and cooperative solutions: strengths, limitations and the appropriate role of government*

Chair: Dr Neil Byron, Commissioner, Productivity Commission

10.50 – 11.30 *Keynote speaker: **Professor Gary Libecap**, University of California*

11.30 – 11.45 **Professor David Brunckhorst**, Rural Futures, University of New England

11.45 – 12.00 **Dr Suzi Kerr**, Director, Motu Economic and Public Policy Research (NZ)

12.00 – 12.15 **Professor David Pannell**, University of Western Australia

12.15 – 12.45 Roundtable discussion

12.45 – 1.45 **Lunch**

Session 3 ***Institutions and incentives for promoting better policies and outcomes***

Chair: Bernie Wonder, Head of Office, Productivity Commission

- 1.45 – 2.30 *Keynote speaker:* **Professor Robert Stavins**, Harvard University
- 2.30 – 2.45 **Dr Wendy Craik**, Chief Executive, Murray Darling Basin Commission
- 2.45 – 3.00 **Henry Ergas**, Chairman, Concept Economics
- 3.00 – 3.25 Roundtable discussion
- 3.25 – 3.45 ***Afternoon tea***

Session 4 ***Reflections for public policy***

Chair: Gary Banks, Chairman, Productivity Commission

- 3.45 – 4.00 **Professor Geoff Brennan**, Australian National University
- 4.00 – 4.30 *Panel discussion:* **Professors John Freebairn, Gary Libecap and Robert Stavins**
- 4.30 – 4.55 Roundtable discussion
- 4.55 – 5.00 *Closing:* **Gary Banks**
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