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# A Roundtable program

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## Day 1 — Monday 17 August

3.30 – 4.00      **Registration**

4.00 – 4.15      **Welcome**

**Gary Banks**, Chairman, Productivity Commission

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### **Session 1**      ***Evidence Based Policy: Its principles and development***

*Chair:* Gary Banks

4.20 – 4.40      **Brian Head**, Institute for Social Science Research, University of Queensland

4.45 – 5.25      *Keynote speaker:* **Ron Haskins**, Senior Fellow, Brookings Institution

5.30 – 6.10      *Keynote speaker:* **Jeffrey Smith**, Department of Economics, University of Michigan

6.10 – 6.40      Roundtable discussion

6.45 – 7.15      *Pre-dinner drinks*

7.15 – 9.45      **Dinner**

*Guest speaker:* **Terry Moran**, Secretary, Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet

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## Day 2 — Tuesday 18 August

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### **Session 2**      ***How robust is our evidence-based policy making?***

*Chair:* Mike Woods, Deputy Chairman, Productivity Commission

8.45 – 9.05      **Bruce Chapman**, Crawford School of Economics and Government, Australian National University

9.05 – 9.25      **Henry Ergas**, Chairman, Concept Economics

9.25 – 9.45      **Grant Scobie**, Principal Adviser, Policy Coordination and Development, NZ Treasury

9.45 – 10.15      Roundtable discussion

10.15 – 10.30      **Morning tea**

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**Session 3**      ***From rhetoric to practice – how do we improve the availability and quality of evidence?***

*Chair:* Bernie Wonder, Head of Office, Productivity Commission

- 10.30 – 10.50      **Sally Green**, Australasian Cochrane Centre
- 10.50 – 11.10      **Patricia Rogers**, Public Sector Evaluation, RMIT
- 11.10 – 11.30      **Andrew Leigh**, Research School of Social Sciences, ANU
- 11.30 – 12.00      Roundtable discussion
- 12.00 – 1.00      **Lunch**

**Session 4**      ***Institutionalising an evidence-based approach – how can an evaluation culture be embedded into policy-making?***

*Chair:* Wendy Craik, Commissioner, Productivity Commission

- 1.00 – 1.20      **Peter Dawkins**, Secretary, Victorian Department of Education and Early Childhood Development
- 1.20 – 1.40      **Robert Griew**, Associate Secretary, Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations
- 1.40 – 2.00      **Mary Ann O’Loughlin**, Executive Councilor and Head of the Secretariat of the COAG Reform Council
- 2.00 – 2.30      Roundtable discussion
- 2.30 – 2.35      **Afternoon tea** – to the table

**Session 5**      ***What have we learned and where to from here?***

*Chair:* Gary Banks

- 2.35 – 2.55      *Rapporteur:* **Professor Jonathan Pincus**, University of Adelaide
- 2.55 – 3.25      *Panel discussion:* **David Tune**, Associate Secretary, Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet, **Mary Ann O’Loughlin**, **Jeffrey Smith**, **Ron Haskins**
- 3.25 – 3.55      Roundtable discussion
- 3.55 – 4.00      **Closing:** **Gary Banks**
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