
A Roundtable program

2011 Productivity Commission Roundtable A 'Sustainable' Population? — Key Policy Issues

Day 1 – Monday 21 March 2011

2.00 – 2.30 pm	Coffee and registration
2.30 – 2.50 pm	Welcome and scene setting Gary Banks , Chairman, Productivity Commission
2.50 – 3.20 pm	Evolution and determinants of Australia's population Professor Peter McDonald , Director, Australian Demographic and Social Research Institute, Australian National University
3.20 – 3.35 pm	<i>Roundtable discussion</i>
3.35 – 3.45 pm	Break

Session 1

Population, productivity and participation

Chair: Mike Woods, Deputy Chairman, Productivity Commission

	Immigration: high skilled vs. low skilled
3.45 – 4.30 pm	<i>Keynote speaker: Professor Barry Chiswick</i> , Columbian College of Arts and Sciences, George Washington University, Washington DC
	Is population growth a panacea? Australian perspectives
4.30 – 4.50 pm	<i>Population growth and ageing: Professor Alan Woodland</i> , Australian School of Business, University of NSW
4.50 – 5.10 pm	<i>Population growth and the resources boom: Chris Richardson</i> , Deloitte Access Economics
5.10 – 6.00 pm	<i>Roundtable discussion</i>
6.00 – 7.00 pm	<i>Pre-dinner drinks</i>

7.00 – 10.00 pm

Dinner

Speaker: Andrew Metcalfe, Secretary, Department of Immigration and Citizenship

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Day 2 – Tuesday 22 March 2011

Session 2 **Limits to population growth?**

Chair: Philip Weickhardt, Commissioner, Productivity Commission

Planning sustainable cities in the 21st century

8.45 – 9.25 am *Keynote speaker: Distinguished Professor Richard Arnott, University of California, Riverside*

9.25 – 9.35 am *Discussant: Professor John Daley, CEO, Grattan Institute*

Discussant: Professor Kevin O'Connor, Melbourne University

9.45 – 10.15 am *Roundtable discussion*

Dealing with congestion efficiently

10.15 – 10.35 am **Steve Meyrick**, Group Manager, GHD Australia

10.35 – 10.45 am *Discussant: Henry Ergas*

10.45 – 11.00 am **Morning tea**

Session 2 **Limits to population growth?**

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Chair: Dr Wendy Craik, Commissioner, Productivity Commission

Is decentralisation the answer?

11.00 – 11.20 am **Professor Graeme Hugo**, University of Adelaide

11.20 – 11.30 am *Discussant: Dr Larry Cook, Visiting Researcher, Productivity Commission*

11.30 – 11.45 am *Roundtable discussion*

Environmental and resource constraints: myth or reality?

11.45 – 12.05 pm **Don Henry**, CEO, Australian Conservation Foundation

12.05 – 12.15 pm *Discussant: Professor Harry Clarke, LaTrobe University*

12.15 – 12.30 pm *Roundtable discussion*

12.30 – 1.30 pm **Lunch**

Session 3 *Social impacts of migration*

Chair: Alison McClelland, Commissioner, Productivity Commission

- 1.30 – 1.50 pm *Attitudes to migration: Professor Andrew Markus, Monash University*
- 1.50 – 2.10 pm *International perspectives: Dr Oliver Marc Hartwich, Centre for Independent Studies*
- 2.10 – 2.30 pm *Discussant: Emeritus Professor Max Corden, Melbourne University*
- 2.30 – 3.00 pm *Roundtable discussion*
- 3.00 – 3.30 pm Afternoon tea**

Session 4 *Panel discussion – Implications for policy directions*

Moderator: Professor Jonathan Pincus, University of Adelaide

- 3.30 – 4.15 pm Barry Chiswick; Richard Arnott; Professor Bob Gregory (ANU); Henry Ergas
- 4.10 – 4.45 pm *Roundtable discussion*
- 4.45 – 4.50 pm Close: Gary Banks**
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