

Many Australians feel their nation is overgoverned, and its federal system conflict-ridden and inefficient. Prospects for reform have been limited, however, by Australia's weak intergovernmental machinery, and weak traditions of local and regional government. Since the 1990s, an explosion in regional governance initiatives is now reopening fundamental questions about how our governance institutions should evolve.

What is the best way to institutionalise stronger local and regional governance within the Australian federal system?

Is our federal system broken? In an age of globalization, how can regional governance best contribute to national political and economic goals?

With continuing shifts in federal, state and local roles, and growing pressures on government to meet complex regional needs, how is regional devolution to be cemented in Australia's institutional frameworks?

Who should attend:

- ✓ Policy makers, interest groups and researchers;
- ✓ economists, social scientists, lawyers and public administrators interested in an improved federal system;
- ✓ regional scientists, regional policy makers and regional service providers;
- ✓ specialists and practitioners in local government and regional governance; and
- ✓ federal, state and local politicians.

Topics for debate include:

LEGITIMACY:

The Politics of Federal-Regional Representation

EFFECTIVENESS:

The Return of 'Regions' to Australian Public Policy

EFFICIENCY:

Political Economy of Federal/Regional Devolution

OUTCOMES & ACTIONS:

Priorities and Prospects for Research & Reform

This symposium will:

- ✦ Shape a new research agenda into the scope for adaption of the Australian federal system to include a more legitimate, effective and efficient system of regional governance.
- ✦ Identify priorities for developing stronger adaptive capacity on the part of communities and governments in the face of current policy challenges.
- ✦ Present a new national framework for evaluating the differing potential contributions of a range of institutional reforms towards this strengthening.

Cocktail Function & Public Launch

Please note limited spaces are available and places will be allocated on a first come first serve basis. Please tick the appropriate box on the Registration form if you wish to attend.



SPEAKERS

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President
Australian Local Government Association

Professor Ken Wiltshire AO

Chair
National Commission for UNESCO
formerly Commonwealth Grants Commissioner

Mal Peters

Immediate Past President
NSW Farmers' Association

Professor Brendan Gleeson

Urban Research Program
Griffith University

Professor Christine Smith

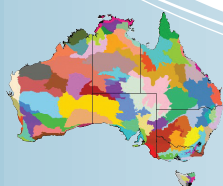
Vice-President
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Professor John Wanna

Director of Research
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Dr A J Brown

The Federalism Project
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Special needs

☐ Please tick to be included on the delegate list

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Please register me for:

pre 27 March ☐ Early bird rate @ \$198.00 p.p.

post 27 March ☐ Standard rate @ \$279.00 p.p.

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☐ \$198.00 NSW Farmers' Association member

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If you do not receive a confirmation email from us within one week of submitting your registration form, please **contact us on 02 9228 5225**. We must receive your payment **before 8 May 2006** for us to assure your place.

Cancellation policy – You must notify us in writing of any changes to your registration or cancellation. If we receive notification before 23 April 2006, we will give you a full refund of the cancellation fee. We will give a 50% refund if we receive notification after 24 April 2006 and before 1 May 2006. No refund will be given for cancellation notifications received after 1 May 2006. You may nominate a substitute to attend the conference in your place. Please note that if you do not cancel in writing and do not attend the event, you are responsible for payment. Please contact the conference secretariat for enquiries.



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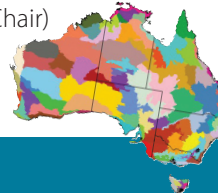
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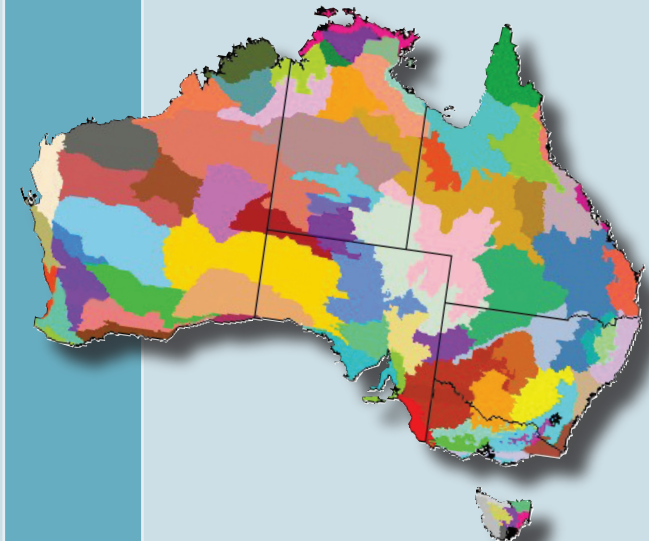
New Approaches, New Institutions? A National Symposium

Monday 8 May 2006

8.30am - 5.00pm

NSW Parliament House, Sydney

(followed by a cocktail function and public launch)



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