

THE CITY & THE BUSH: CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

A one-day conference hosted by the Centre of Policy Studies, Monash University
Arthur Streeton Auditorium, Sofitel Melbourne, 25 Collins Street
Friday, 1 August 2003

8.15 am *Registration / Coffee*

Welcome and Opening of Conference

8.45 am Welcome - Professor Gill Palmer, Dean, Faculty of Business and Economics

8.55 am Opening Address

- Hon. John Brumby, Victorian Treasurer and Minister for State and Regional Development

Session 1 Chair: Professor Max King, Deputy Dean, Faculty of Business and Economics

9.25 am The Outlook for Australian Regions

- Dr Philip Adams (Director Consulting, CoPS)

10.05 am Impacts of Commonwealth Grants across the States and Territories

- Dr Vince FitzGerald (Chairman, Allen Consulting)

10.30 am *Morning Tea*

Session 2 Chair: Professor Alan Powell, CoPS

11.00 am Regional Poverty, Tax and Social Security

- Anthony King (Director, Regional Modelling, NATSEM)

11.30 am The Causes of Regional Economic Disparities (The Case of Tasmania)

- Dr James Giesecke (Senior Research Fellow, CoPS)

12.00 pm Structural Change and Regional Employment Growth

- Dr Tony Meagher (Senior Research Fellow, CoPS)

12.30 pm Discussion

12.50 pm *Lunch*

Session 3 Chair: Dr Mark Horridge, Senior Research Fellow, CoPS

2.10 pm Regional Labour Market Adjustment

- Dr Jacqueline Dwyer (Senior Economist, Reserve Bank)
- A/Prof. John Madden (Associate Professor, CoPS)

3.00 pm *Afternoon Tea*

Session 4 Chair: A/Prof. Alistair Rainnie, Director, Monash Institute for Regional Studies

3.30 pm Regional Impacts of Water Reform

- Prof. Mike Young & Dr Steve Hatfield Dodds (CSIRO)
- Dr Glyn Wittwer (Senior Research Fellow, CoPS)

Session 5 Chair: Paul Collits, President, Australia & NZ Section, Regional Science Association International

4.35 pm Rapporteur – Dr Peter Crossman, Assistant Under Treasurer and Government Statistician, Queensland

4.55 pm Closing Address – Professor Peter Dixon (Director, CoPS)

5.05 pm *Conference closes*

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