

ANZSOG-Infrastructure Research Workshop Shifting the Transport Infrastructure Debate in Australia

WORKSHOP PROGRAMME

WEDNESDAY 16 SEPTEMBER 2015 WELCOME EVENT / DINNER Canberra/Springbank Room, JG Crawford Building (Building 132)

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Delegates will be welcomed on Wednesday evening to the Crawford School for light refreshments, which will begin at 18:00.

A dinner address will be given by Professor Ian Harper, Partner, Deloitte Access Economics at 18:30-19:00 prior to dinner and questions.

	NG THE TRANSPORT TRUCTURE DEBATE IN ALIA	THURSDAY 17 SEPTEMBER 2015 Barton Theatre, Level G I GJ Yeend Wing (Building 132A) Australian National University	
09:00	Lyn O'Connell Welcome and Introductions	Deputy Secretary, Department of Infrastructure and Regional Development	
Session	I: Long-term Planning		
09:10	Marion Terrill	Transport Program Director, Grattan Institute	
	How to reframe transport planning in Australia		
09:40	Philip Davies	CEO, Infrastructure Australia	
	How to deliver better infrastructure planning		
10:10	Teik Soon Looi	Director of Policy, Land Transport Authority, Singapore	
	Case Study: Singapore's Land Transport Master Plan		
10:40	MORNING TEA		
Session :	2: User Pays		
11:00	Alex Robson	Director, Economics Policy Analysis Program, Griffith University	
	Is transport significantly different to other network infrastructure?		
11:30	Brendan Lyon	CEO, Infrastructure Partnerships Australia	
	Is pricing roads a viable option to meet Australia's road funding needs?		
12:00	Peter Winder	Director, McGredy Winder & Co, Auckland, NZ	
	Case Study: Lessons from Auckland – making trade-offs transparent		
12:30	LUNCH		
Session :	3: Translating theory into practi	се	
13:30	Prof Gary Banks AO	Chief Executive and Dean of ANZSOG	
	Implementing transport reforms-	winning public support	
14:00	Breakout Group Discussion		
	 Group discussion in each of the three Session themes Report back from groups 		
15:30	Prof John Wanna	The Sir John Bunting Chair in Public Administration at the Australian National University	
	Closing remarks—summary of key ideas and next steps		
16:00	CLOSE		



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Session I: Long	-term Planning		
Aim:	To explore how long-term land use and transport planning could be improved so that the transport task is made more efficient and cities are made more liveable. Improved planning also could lower infrastructure construction costs (by protecting corridors and avoiding costly tunnelling) and reduce transport demand (by reducing distances between trip origins and destinations).		
09:10	Marion Terrill	Transport Program Director, Grattan Institute	
30 minutes	How to reframe transport planning in Australia		
Coverage:	Have Australian transport and land use planners been focussing on the right questions. Should they step back and look at the problem in new ways? How can Australia best plan for its future transport needs?		
09:40	Philip Davies	CEO, Infrastructure Australia	
30 minutes	How to deliver better infrastructure planning		
Coverage:	An "insiders" perspective on the problem. What is IA doing to improve infrastructure planning for Australia? What are the big issues and how can we do better? How can future options be protected and how can we pick the most worthwhile infrastructure investments?		
10:10	Teik Soon Looi	Director of Policy, Land Transport Authority, Singapore	
30 minutes	Case Study: Singapore's Land Transport Master Plan		
Coverage:	A case study of Singapore's Land Transport Master Plan (LTMP) 2013, covering planning mechanism and some policy interventions used to cope with high density development. A glimpse into what Singapore is pursuing beyond LTMP 2013 in the area of future mobility. The case study aims to serve as a reference point for thinking about the deliberating similarities and differences that may be relevant for Australian cities.		
Session 2: User	Pays		
Aim:	To explore the potential benefits and costs from implementing greater payments for use of transport infrastructure, including the challenges of implementing a user pays system in Australia. The session would consider efficiency and equity impacts of user charging along with implications for transport demand, and issues regarding links between infrastructure use and funding sources for infrastructure construction and maintenance.		
11:00	Alex Robson	Director, Economics Policy Analysis Program, Griffith University	
30 minutes	Is transport significantly different to other network infrastructure?		
Coverage:	This speaker could cover the benefits and costs of user charging across a range of network infrastructure types, as well as likely benefits (and costs) that would flow if road user charging was introduced more widely in Australia. Possible benefits that could be covered include: reduced peak demand, increased efficiency and productivity for infrastructure use, a more direct connection between infrastructure supply and demand. Potential costs that could be covered include: reduced equity in transport services, loss of privacy and implementation costs.		
11:30	Brendon Lyon	CEO, infrastructure Partnerships Australia	
30 minutes	·	o meet Australia's road funding needs?	
Coverage:	This speaker could cover the growing gap between road infrastructure needs and available funds, problems with current road funding mechanisms and possibilities for reform (drawing on the IPA/AAA report: "Road Pricing and Transport Infrastructure Funding: Reform Pathways for Australia").		
12:00	Peter Winder	Director, McGredy Winder & Co	
30 minutes	Case Study: Lessons from Auckland		
Coverage:	A case study of how Auckland used consensus-based decision-making and community consultation to consider		

alternative ways of funding transport infrastructure and services. How trade-offs, impacts and consequences were dealt

with, and why no new funding mechanisms have yet been agreed.



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Session 3: Translating theory into practice

Aim:

On many transport issues experts broadly agree on actions necessary to improve services. However, the public (and their political representatives) often do not accept such solutions, particularly where they consider the solutions reduce equity or add to their transport costs. This session aims to investigate means of improving public debate and transport planning to build consensus and practical outcomes on difficult transport and infrastructure provision issues.

13:30 Professor Gary Banks CEO and Dean ANZSOG

30 minutes Implementing transport reforms – winning public support

Coverage: Drawing on Professor Banks' experience with advising and implementing economic reforms, consider how to improve

public understanding of trade-offs and gain acceptance of potentially unpalatable decisions.

14.00

Breakout Group Discussion

90 minutes

- Group discussion in each of the three session themes
- Report back from groups