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Australia's Strategic Futures

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8.45am-5.00pm, 1-2 October 2008
Adelaide Town Hall, 128 King William Street, Adelaide

What are the key drivers that will shape Australia's strategic environment in the first half of the twenty-first century? How will these drivers impact on the framework within which Australia's future military capabilities and force structures are developed? This conference brings together a range of experts from academia, government, and the private sector to analyse these key questions. Inspired by the scenario building and futures analysis of the US National Intelligence Council and the UK's Development, Concepts and Doctrine Centre, the conference will discuss a range of global and regional issues and themes that will influence Australia's strategic environment over the next two to three decades and how these might shape Australia's capability development.

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DAY ONE: Wednesday 1 October

Session 1: Frameworks for Thinking About Strategic Futures

- 0845-0900 *Conference Opening:* Professor Michael Barber, Vice Chancellor, Flinders University (tbc)
- 0900-0950 Keynote Address—*Australia's Strategic Environment Tomorrow*
Professor Hugh White, Strategic and Defence Studies Centre, ANU
- Panel One: Chair—Dr Wayne Hobbs, DSTO
- 0950-1035 *How to Think About Futures:* Dr Paul Monk, Director AUSTHINK
- 1035-1100 Morning Tea
- 1100-1145 *Australia's Strategic Analysis Capabilities:* Mr Rory Medcalf,
Lowy Institute for International Policy
- 1145-1230 *Strategic Analysis in an Uncertain World:* Ms Alison Hickman,
Joint Operations Division, DSTO.
- 1230-1300 Panel Discussion
- 1300-1345 Lunch

Session 2: Analysing and Interpreting Australia's Strategic Environment

- Panel Two: Chair—Dr Andrew O'Neil, Flinders
- 1345-1430 *Intelligence Analysis Today and Tomorrow:* Professor Mark Phythian,
University of Leicester
- 1430-1515 *Intelligence and Future Threat Environments:* Mr Charles Vandeppeer, DSTO
and University of Adelaide
- 1515-1545 Afternoon Tea
- 1545-1630 *Strategic Intelligence, Policy Issues, and Uncertainty:* Dr Michael Heazle,
Griffith University
- 1630-1700 Panel Discussion
- 1900-2200 Conference Dinner: Regatta's Bistro, Adelaide Convention Centre,
North Terrace, Adelaide

DAY TWO: Thursday 2 October

Session 3: Issues, Threats and Opportunities—Regional Level Analysis

Panel Three: Chair—Dr Maryanne Kelton, Flinders University

0845-0930 *Geopolitical Shifts in Australia's Region Beyond 2008*: A/Prof Nick Bisley, La Trobe University

0930-1015 *Failed, Failing, and Fragile States*: Prof Andrew Goldsmith, Flinders University

1015-1030 Morning Tea

1030-1115 *Territorial Conflict*: Mr James Manicom, Flinders University

1115-1200 *The Changing Nature of Jemaah Islamiyah*: Ms Amanda Schiller, Flinders University.

1200-1300 Panel Discussion

1300-1345 Lunch

Session 4: Issues, Threats and Opportunities—Global Level Analysis

Panel Four: Chair—Mr Charles Vandeeper, DSTO and the University of Adelaide

1345-1430 *The Global Strategic Environment in 2020—Key Drivers*: Dr Rod Lyon, Australian Strategic Policy Institute

1430-1515 *Science and Technology*: Dr Wayne Hobbs, DSTO

1515-1545 Afternoon Tea

1545-1630 *Climate Change—Strategic Implications and Alternative Futures*: Mr Ben Habib, Flinders University.

1630-1700 Panel Discussion

1700-1745 Networking Drinks