

# TOPIC 1 - CLIMATE CHANGE & ENERGY POLICY

Wednesday 9 September 2015

The Science Exchange, 55 Exchange Place, Adelaide SA 5000

## Professor Ross Garnaut, University of Melbourne (9am)

Ross Garnaut is currently Professorial Research Fellow in Economics, Faculty of Business and Economics, The University of Melbourne; Chairman of the China Economy and Business Program (Australian National University); and member of the board of The Bulletin of Indonesian Economic Studies (Australian National University). He conducted a review on Climate Change and Policy Response to Climate Change for the Federal, State and Territory governments of Australia (2007-2008), and provided an independent update to the 2008 Garnaut Climate Change Review in 2011 for the Australian Government.

### Topics to be addressed at this public session:

- ⊕ Climate change predictions and effects
- ⊕ International and national response and targets
- ⊕ Opportunities in future energy policy.

## Ms Anna Skarbek, Climate Works Australia (11am)

Anna Skarbek is the CEO of ClimateWorks Australia, an independent, research-based, non-profit organisation committed to catalysing reductions in greenhouse gas emissions in Australia. Anna is also director of the Clean Energy Finance Corporation, a trustee of the Sustainable Melbourne Fund, a member of the Australian Government's Energy White Paper Reference Panel and the Grattan Institute's Energy Program Reference Panel.

### Topics to be addressed at this public session:

- ⊕ Pathways to Deep Decarbonisation in 2050 project
- ⊕ Scenarios examined, including nuclear power
- ⊕ Investment challenges for future energy infrastructure.

## Professor John Quiggin, University of Queensland (1pm, By videolink)

John Quiggin is an Australian Laureate Fellow at the School of Economics within the University of Queensland, and a member of the Climate Change Authority. Professor Quiggin is among the top 500 economists in the world according to IDEAS/Respect and is best known for his work on utility theory.

### Topics to be addressed at this public session:

- ⊕ Low cost methods of abatement of greenhouse gases in Australia
- ⊕ Energy demand trends in Australia and internationally
- ⊕ Challenges to nuclear power viability in Australia.



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