

Towards a Resilient Future: The Task of Our Time

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Speakers

Dr Graeme Pearman AM, FAA, ATSE, FRoySocVic, BSc(Hon), PhD: Director,
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Dr Graeme Pearman was Chief of the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (Australia) Division of Atmospheric Research, 1992–2002. He contributed over 150 scientific journal papers primarily on aspects of the global carbon budget. He is now a private consultant contracting to both private and public sector organisations.

He was elected to Fellowship of the Australian Academy of Science (1988), the Royal Society of Victoria (1997) and the Australian Academy of Technological Sciences and Engineering (2005). He was awarded the CSIRO Medal (1988), a United Nation's Environment Program Global 500 Award (1989), Australian Medal of the Order of Australia (1999) and a Federation Medal (2003). He was adviser to Former Vice President Al Gore during his visits to Australia in 2007, 2008 and 2009.

He is currently an Adjunct Senior Research Fellow, Monash University and with interests including: describing holistic strategies that build resilient energy futures and emissions reductions appropriate for specific nations or communities; transport technologies and risks associated with bio-fuels; dimensions of human behaviour in the climate-change issue; and the role of science in modern societies.

Sir Rod Eddington: Chair, Infrastructure Australia; Former CEO, British Airways

Currently the Chair of Infrastructure Australia and a Non-Executive Director of News Corporation, Sir Rod Eddington is also the former CEO of British Airways. Earlier in his career he was the Managing Director of Cathay Pacific before accepting the position of Chairman of Ansett Australia.

He is a graduate of the University of Western Australia and was a resident of St George's College while he attended UWA. He then went on to study at Oxford as a Rhodes Scholar.

Dr Rufus Black: Master, Ormond College

Rufus Black is an ethicist, theologian and, until recently, a partner of the global management consulting firm McKinsey & Company. He is an ordained minister of the Uniting Church in Australia. As an academic he has published on topics ranging from economic development and unemployment to the ethics of stem cell use and the life challenges of Generation X. As an ethicist he has served on clinical and medical research ethics committees and currently chairs the Human Research Ethics Committee of the Walter and Eliza Hall Institute. As a consultant at McKinsey his work focused on the strategic and organisational issues facing large corporations and the public sector in Australia and Asia.

Larry Quick: Founder, Resilient Futures Network

Larry Quick is the author of the Resilient Futures process and its application to a variety of industry, organizational and community environments, programs and projects in the USA and Australia. He is also the founder of the Resilient Futures Network. In his past lives he has worked as a civic, corporate and policy strategist with organizations (e.g. GM, Telstra, and Simplot) and a variety of government agencies and local communities. Larry is a sought after speaker and strategist as he is a leader in whole-systems approaches to the development of innovative capability which maximises current and future local opportunity in the face of increasingly interconnected global conditions.

The Hon Carmen Lawrence: Professorial Fellow, UWA; Former Premier, Western Australia

A graduate of UWA and former resident of St Catherine's College, Carmen Lawrence was elected to the Parliament of Western Australia in 1986. Two years later, she became Western Australia's Minister for Education. In February 1990, Premier Peter Dowding resigned and Carmen Lawrence became Premier, making history as Australia's first female Premier. The ALP was defeated in the 1993 state election, but Lawrence continued in politics, and led the party in Opposition.

In 1994 Lawrence moved to federal politics winning the seat of Fremantle. She was immediately made Minister for Human Services and Health, and Minister Assisting the Prime Minister for the Status of Women in the Keating government. After the 1996 defeat of the Keating government, Lawrence was included in the Opposition Shadow Cabinet.

Dr Lawrence retired from politics in 2007. She is currently a Professorial Fellow in the Institute of Advanced Studies at the University of Western Australia where she is working to establish a research centre.

Todd Davies: Director, Technical and Policy, Institute of Internal Auditors; Founder, Todd Davies and Associates

Todd Davies has been a trusted advisor at CEO and Board level in major multinationals for more than a decade. He is an internationally respected commentator, advisor and practitioner on risk, governance and assurance matters and has been responsible for major developments in these disciplines around the globe.

Based out of New York, as the global head of research and innovation for KPMG's internal audit practice, he fast-tracked developments in risk-based assurance on a global scale. Todd's work from this role still reverberates around the world today and can be seen in Fortune 50 companies, regulatory frameworks and best practice frameworks around the world.

As global head of audit and risk for Australasia's largest media company Fairfax Media Ltd he used risk, governance and assurance processes to drive company transformation. His work has been studied as a best practice case study on the visible improvements in financial performance which can be produced as a by-product of risk management and governance processes.

In recent years, Todd has worked at a national and global level on best practice and regulatory frameworks for corporate governance, risk management and assurance. This has included driving aspects of the Australian Stock Exchange, Corporate Governance Council's Principles and Recommendations of Corporate Governance

(better practice framework required for all Australian listed companies), and participation in global taskforces dealing with the current turmoil in financial markets. He is also a member of a number of global working groups in this area.

Todd is a regular commentator on emerging and strategic risk, and is a regular author at the Resilient Futures Network and in a range of leading journals. Todd is also the founder of Todd Davies & Associates – a boutique advisory firm.

Kip Bergstrom: Executive Director, Urban Redevelopment Commission, Stamford, USA

Kip is Executive Director of the Stamford Urban Redevelopment Commission, the development agency for the City of Stamford, Connecticut, USA. Kip previously served as Executive Director of the Rhode Island Economic Policy Council, a private/public partnership, which set economic strategy for the State of Rhode Island, USA, and launched initiatives to execute the strategy. Kip was the City of Stamford's first Economic Development Director, and has held senior management positions in the private and public sectors. He has a Masters Degree in City and Regional Planning from the Kennedy School of Government and Graduate School of Design at Harvard University, where he was the first student to specialize in economic development.

A major focus of Kip's current work is the Reinventing Stamford initiative, a civic conversation aimed at identifying the emerging conditions shaping Stamford's competitiveness and devising strategies to improve Stamford's capacity to co-evolve with them.

Kip's interests and writings span the full spectrum of economic development, including education and talent, transportation, technology commercialization and place making.

Hon Stephen Smith, MP: Minister for Foreign Affairs

Mr Smith is a Barrister and Solicitor by profession. He completed his Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Laws at the University of Western Australia. Mr Smith practised as a Barrister and Solicitor in Perth, then completed a Master of Laws at London University, and subsequently lectured and tutored in Law in London. From 1987 to 1990 he was the State Secretary of the Western Australian Branch of the Australian Labor Party and from 1983 to 1987 he was Principal Private Secretary to the Attorney-General of Western Australia. During 1991 and 1992, Mr Smith was Special Adviser to the Prime Minister of Australia and Senior Adviser to the Deputy Prime Minister and Treasurer of Australia, Paul Keating.

Mr Smith has been the Federal Member for Perth since March 1993. In his first Parliamentary term he was Chair of the Joint Parliamentary Committee on Corporations and Securities and a member of the House of Representatives Standing Committee on Banking, Finance and Public Administration. During 1996 and 1997, Mr Smith also served as a member of the Parliamentary Joint Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade.

Prior to his appointment as Foreign Minister, Mr Smith held a range of Shadow Ministerial positions including Shadow Minister for Trade, Shadow Minister for Resources and Energy, Shadow Minister for Communications, Shadow Minister for Health, Shadow Minister for Immigration and Shadow Minister for Industry, Infrastructure and Industrial Relations.

From December 2006 until the federal election in November 2007, Mr Smith was the Shadow Minister for Education and Training.

Peter Vawdrey: Manager of Environmental Activities and Strategy

Peter Vawdrey is currently Manager, Holden Innovation Peter has 31 years of automotive experience across General Motors Engineering and Manufacturing functions. In 1977, Peter completed a Mechanical Engineering degree at Caulfield Institute of Technology (now Monash Uni); joining Holden in 1978 as a trainee engineer.

Initially involved with engines, Peter's early roles included engine testing and development and management of Holden's engine experimental test operations. In 1993 Peter moved to Manufacturing as Quality Manager for Holden Engine Company (HEC), responsible for the quality assurance of day-to-day production as well as taking the lead on various strategic projects, including the re-engineering of Holden's developing Components Business Unit.

After moving back to Product Engineering in 1996, Peter managed the VT, VY, VZ Commodore and WK Statesman Engineering programs, while taking a lead role in the reorganisation of Holden's engineering department. In 2003 Peter again shifted to a strategic role, as Manager Engineering Strategy and recently (2008) returned from a 13 month assignment as Director, Product Engineering at GM Thailand.

Peter's current responsibilities include:

- Engineering Leader of Energy and Environment strategy & initiatives
- Manager of Holden Innovation Research and Development activities

Dr. Christopher Bell: CEO, Leadership Consortium

In his role as CEO Christopher led the Consortium's research initiatives "Understanding the Leadership Aspirations and Commitment of Young People" and "Executive Development Trends in Australia". He has presented for numerous organisations and conferences including the American Academy of Management, The Australian Institute of Company Directors, the National Organisational Development Conference, the National Personal and Organisational Development Summit, the Business and Higher Education Roundtable, Business Deans Conference and the Victorian College for the Arts.

Prior to joining The Leadership Consortium Christopher was Manager Leadership Development for the Telstra Centre for Leadership which he also helped to found. In this position he was responsible for the design, development and delivery of leadership and executive development programs for senior executives and for researching and developing Telstra's leadership frameworks.

Before joining Telstra in 1989 Christopher worked within the Arts Industry as an opera and theatre director, writer and manager. He has directed over 30 productions ranging from large scale public events, traditional and experimental opera and music theatre and bilingual community based theatre. The organisations he has directed for include Adelaide Festival of Arts, The State Opera of South Australia, South Australian Arts Trust, The Elder Conservatorium and the Adelaide Festival Fringe of which he is a life member.

Christopher was a member of the Victorian Governments Arts Leadership Advisory Group (1997 – 1999) and the Victorian Government's Creative Victoria Roundtable as well as the AICD, AIM and AHRI he is also a founding member of the Creative Skills Training Council Asia Pacific. He is currently a member of the Industry Advisory Group for "Engaging Industry: Embedding Professionally Relevant Learning in the Business Curriculum" and initiative of the Australian Business Deans Council.

He has maintained strong links with the arts industry and is currently Chairman of the Next Wave Festival, Australia's most important youth arts festival and Secretary of Melbourne City Opera.