

Future Forum Series: A Difficult Dialogue

Western Sydney After the Flood: Protection, Mitigation and Evacuation

Wednesday, 2 June 2021 | Deloitte Parramatta Office, Eclipse Tower, 60 Station Street, Parramatta

10:45AM REGISTRATION

11:00AM INTRODUCTION, ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY & SCENE SETTING

Christopher Brown AM | Chairman, Western Sydney Leadership Dialogue

11:15AM PANEL DISCUSSION - Protection

Graham Davis-King | Board Member, Deerubbin Local Aboriginal Land Council

Hon. Bob Debus AM | Chair, Colong Foundation for Wilderness

Elizabeth Dibbs | District Commissioner - Western City, Greater Sydney Commission

Simon Draper | Chief Executive Officer and Co-ordinator General, Infrastructure NSW

Session moderator: Christopher Brown AM | Chairman, Western Sydney Leadership Dialogue

The raising of the dam wall seems widely expected for Cabinet approval as a mechanism for downstream protection, but what are the cultural, environmental, economic and social factors in the Blue Mountains that need to be considered as part of this proposed infrastructure solution?

11:45AM MINISTERIAL INTERVIEW

Hon. Melinda Pavey MP | NSW Minister for Water, Property and Housing

with **Adam Leto** | Executive Director, Western Sydney Leadership Dialogue

The convergence of issues like the 2021 floods, water recycling and supply resilience make the Water Ministry one of our region's most important portfolios. The Dialogue invites Minister Pavey to share her priorities for the region, through the forthcoming Greater Sydney Water Strategy and investment in new infrastructure and technology that can help sustain our growing population's water supply, protect our citizens and allow better recreational access to lakes, rivers and reservoirs.

12:00PM INTERVIEW

Roch Cheroux | Managing Director, Sydney Water

with **Luke Turner** | Director, Policy & Analysis, Western Sydney Leadership Dialogue

Sydney Water is the custodian of an immense, complex network of infrastructure and is key in shaping the way our growth centres consume and interact with water. How can we make better use of our stormwater and wastewater to cool and green our city, and what scope is there to improve liveability in the West through water-led urban amenity projects and better access to waterways for recreation?

12:15PM PANEL DISCUSSION - Mitigation

Graham Dooley | Chief Executive Officer, Water Utilities Australia

Lisa Marie Lewis | Committee Member, The Dialogue's GenWest

Lisa McLean | Chief Executive Officer, NSW Circular

Brett Whitworth | Deputy Secretary, Greater Sydney Place and Infrastructure,

NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment

Session moderator: Theo Psychogios | Partner, Deloitte

Are we ready to recycle water? How can we improve the way we store and manage our water supply? And what are the impediments to adopting a more innovative approach to water management? Is business ready to play their part in this expensive recycling revolution? Why can't we open up public waterways to the people of Western Sydney to address recreational access?

12:45PM WORKING LUNCH

1:00PM INTERVIEW

Shane Fitzsimmons AFSM | Commissioner, Resilience NSW

with **Adam Leto** | Executive Director, Western Sydney Leadership Dialogue

Created in 2020, Resilience NSW has confronted the aftermath of the 'black summer' bushfires, a once-in-a-century global pandemic and now state-wide flooding. Just how resilient is Greater Western Sydney, and what lessons have we learned from the region's recent flood crisis that can help future mitigation efforts?

1:15PM PANEL DISCUSSION - Evacuation

Stephanie Barker | Chief City Planner, Western Parklands City Authority

Daniel Lambert | Australasian Water Leader, Arup

Colin Langford | Director Network Solutions, Transport for NSW

Jacqueline Vozzo | Chief Executive Officer, Penrith Lakes Development Corporation

Session moderator: Christopher Brown AM | Chairman, Western Sydney Leadership Dialogue

With our emergency warning and evacuation systems and road network put to the test by a 30-year flood event this year, what have we learned about our preparedness to move a large and growing population to safety? Will the long-awaited EIS give certainty to developers and planning authorities alike? Is it time to bring forward the Castlereagh Connection & Bells Line upgrade to provide floodplain residents with a dependable high capacity evacuation route and open up regional access to the Aerotropolis?

1:45PM FORUM CONCLUSION

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SESSION THEME: Precincts & Place Making

- Time to start doing things differently? What does Greater Western Sydney's innovation agenda look like and what are the precincts that are going to be leading the way?
- Fertile Ground: Why there's never been a better time to invest in Western Sydney.
- Exploring how Covid-19 has made our city an ideal destination for the world's best and brightest.
- How the Western City is getting ready to take off and what do our Investors want?
- How can the region's major health and education precincts, especially Westmead and Liverpool continue to leverage the current growth curve to deliver the next wave of jobs, investment and innovation?
- What are the skills, knowledge and know-how required to ensure our young talent is equipped to meet future industry and community demand?

SESSION THEME: Industry

- Finding the New Fuel: How can Greater Western Sydney reduce its reliance on infrastructure investment and its services-economy, as its main economic stimulants, and learn how to grow new smart jobs and industries?
- What are the emerging industry sectors that we haven't unlocked and how do we unlock them?
- Growing jobs in a post-Covid world: The policies and investments that will ignite an economy.
- Tapping into our Talent: How Can Western Sydney Unleash the Entrepreneur?
- What are the new industries we should be targeting?

SESSION THEME: Education & Skills

- Examining the region's skills and knowledge gaps and how is our next generation being equipped to meet future industry demands?
- How can the region better leverage its pipeline of talent and growing tertiary and vocational training sectors to drive jobs growth and investment?
- How can Greater Western Sydney retain and leverage its growing pipeline of young talent? Has Australia's management of covid-19 provided presented new opportunities to attract international enterprise and skills?
- Is our education system finally shifting away from a one-size-fits-all approach and do recent reform attempts, cutting across all levels, go far enough? What does a successful integrated education model look like and how do we ensure it is informed by employers and industry?

SESSION THEME: Innovation & Enterprise

- Western Sydney as a breeding ground for Innovation and Entrepreneurship: How do we commercialise our talent and ideas?
- Western Sydney was once considered the nation's manufacturing heartland. With the sector currently undergoing massive transformation, how can local manufacturers respond to new technologies, global trends?
- Exploring the emerging innovation precincts that have challenged traditions and embraced a new way of doing business. How has this bold approach attracted interest and investment? What are these precincts doing to deliver social, health and community benefits, not just economic outcomes?



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