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Infrastructure Integration and Economic Development in the Hunter Region

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Newcastle City Hall, Newcastle

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We supply power to nearly 250,000 customers from Lake Macquarie through to Scone, across a regional network of 76 major substations, 180,000 power poles and more than 17,000 kilometres of power lines.

Ausgrid is delivering one of Australia's largest infrastructure programs – an \$8 billion replacement and renewal of the electricity network from 2009-2014.

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To help deliver this work, Ausgrid has about 1600 staff based in the region, including almost 150 of our 600 apprentices.

Ausgrid also invests more than \$1 million each year to support regional community partnerships. These include Hunter Surf Lifesaving, the University of Newcastle, the Westpac Rescue Helicopter Service and educational programs like the Hunter Science & Engineering Challenge and the Ausgrid Bright Future academic awards.

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GHD is committed to sustainable development, safety and innovation. We care for the wellbeing of our people, communities and the environments in which we operate. Regional connections are central to GHD's operations. The Newcastle office was established in 1980 at the time when a power and mining boom in NSW had just started, Bayswater and Eraring Power Stations were being constructed, a major deepening of the Port of Newcastle was underway and the Tomago Aluminium plant was being constructed. This was a dynamic time for the Hunter which set the scene for decades to come, both for GHD and the Region. In 1992 the Singleton office opened and a presence in Coffs Harbour, Ballina and Port Macquarie followed. More recently offices have opened in Tuggerah and Gunnedah.

GHD currently employs over 250 people throughout the Central Coast, Hunter and Northern NSW. And in line with the growing needs of this wider region, GHD is continually broadening its skill base to deliver a wider range of complimentary services. Today, traditional engineering services are complimented with architects, community facilitators, planners, environmental specialists, project managers and logistics support teams.

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Regional Development Australia (RDA) is an Australian Government initiative that brings together all levels of government to enhance the growth and development of Australia's regions. A national network of RDA committees has been established to achieve this objective.

RDA Hunter is part of an initiative between the NSW Government and the Australian Government established to enhance the growth and development of the Hunter region.

Through partnerships between governments and the community RDA Hunter supports higher levels of education to produce greater skills in the workforce encouraging economic diversification and investment in infrastructure that promotes innovation and that in turn provides wider social inclusion.



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About URS Corporation

URS Corporation is a fully integrated engineering, construction and technical services organisation with the capabilities to support every stage of the project life cycle—from inception through start-up and operation to decommissioning and closure. We offer program management; planning, design and engineering; systems engineering and technical assistance; construction and construction management; operations and maintenance; and decommissioning and closure services.

In 2010, URS acquired the Scott Wilson Group—a global integrated design and engineering consultancy based in the United Kingdom. The acquisition significantly expanded our resources and capabilities in the United Kingdom and Ireland in critical infrastructure markets. It also expanded our global footprint in continental Europe, China and India.

Today, URS has approximately 47,000 employees in a network of offices in more than 40 countries. URS' business is focused on four key market sectors: Federal, Infrastructure, Power, and Industrial & Commercial. Our clients include the US federal government, national governments of other countries, state and local government agencies in the United States and internationally, and FORTUNE 500 companies and other multinational corporations. Headquartered in San Francisco, URS is publicly owned and listed on the New York Stock Exchange as URS.

About URS Australia

In Australia we have 10 offices with more than 1200 professionals. Our offices are located in: Adelaide, Brisbane, Broken Hill, Canberra, Darwin, Melbourne, Newcastle, Perth, Sydney and Tatura.

About URS Hunter Region

Due to increased demand for our services, URS are expanding to a new location in Newcastle in October and a new office in Gunnedah towards the end of 2011.

URS Hunter Region clients benefit from a seamless integration of engineering and environmental services, with specific services to infrastructure, surface transport, mining, oil and gas, petroleum, water and defence clients.

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8.30am **Registration**

9.00am **Opening comments, welcome and introduction**
Dr Suzanne Rickard
State Director NSW/ACT
CEDA

Newcastle: A changing city

9.10am **Address**
Councillor John Tate
Lord Mayor
Newcastle City Council

9.20am **Vote of thanks**
Dr Suzanne Rickard
State Director NSW/ACT
CEDA



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The Outlook for the Hunter Region – Planning for 2020

9.22am **Introduction by Chair**
Dr Suzanne Rickard
State Director NSW/ACT
CEDA

9.25am **Address**
Todd Williams
Chief Executive Officer
Regional Development Australia - Hunter

9.40am **Vote of thanks**
Dr Suzanne Rickard
State Director NSW/ACT
CEDA



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Infrastructure in the Hunter: Improving overall growth and integrated performance

- 9.42am **Introduction by Chair**
Ian Dawson
Global Market Leader, Transport
GHD
- 9.45am **Address**
Paul Hughes
Chief Executive Officer
Newcastle Airport
- 9.55am **Address**
David Irwin
Director – Coal
Pacific National
- 10.05am **Address**
Alec MacKenzie
Executive General Manager Hunter Valley
Australian Rail Track Corporation (ARTC)
- 10.15am **Panel discussion and audience Q&A**
- 10.35am **Vote of thanks**
Ian Dawson
Global Market Leader, Transport
GHD
- 10.35am **Morning Tea**



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Innovation in the Hunter: People, Ideas and Opportunities

- 11.00am **Introduction**
Dr Suzanne Rickard
State Director NSW/ACT
CEDA
- 11.05am **Introduction by Chair**
Rod Pomroy
Rail Manager, NSW
URS Australia (incorporating Scott Wilson)
- 11.10am **Address**
Caroline Veldhuizen
Senior Research Fellow
Hunter Valley Research Foundation
- 11.20am **Address**
Neville Sawyer AM
Co-Founder, Ampcontrol
Executive Chairman, Smart Digital Optics
- 11.30am **Address**
Dr Dan Bunting
Senior Consultant
The Allen Consulting Group
- 11.40am **Address**
Bruce Hemingway
Manager, Solutions & Marketing Communications Sector A/NZ
IBM Corporation
- 11.50am **Panel discussion and audience Q&A**
- 12.10pm **Vote of thanks**
Rod Pomroy
Rail Manager, NSW
URS Australia (incorporating Scott Wilson)



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The next 30 years – Building a future together

- 12.15pm **Pre-luncheon networking drinks**
- 12.30pm **Welcome by**
Dr Suzanne Rickard
State Director NSW/ACT
CEDA
- 12.35pm **Lunch**
- 1.00pm **Introduction by Chair**
Dr Suzanne Rickard
State Director NSW/ACT
CEDA
- 1.05pm **Address**
Tom Gellibrand
Deputy Director General, Plan Making and Urban Renewal
Department of Planning and Infrastructure
- 1.25pm **Delegate Q&A and dessert**
- 1.40pm **Vote of thanks**
Todd Williams
Chief Executive Officer
Regional Development Australia - Hunter
- 1.45pm **Close of lunch**



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Energy in the Hunter: Implications of the Carbon Tax

- 1.55pm **Welcome by**
Dr Suzanne Rickard
State Director NSW/ACT
CEDA
- 2.00pm **Introduction by Chair**
Trevor Armstrong
Executive General Manager, Transmission & System Operations
Ausgrid
- 2.05pm **Address**
Dr Alan Broadfoot
Director
Newcastle Institute for Energy and Resources
- 2.20pm **Address**
George Maltabarow
Managing Director
Ausgrid
- 2.35pm **Address**
Paul Ebert
ANZ Manager – Future Energy
WorleyParsons Services Pty Ltd
- 2.50pm **Panel discussion and audience Q&A**
- 3.15pm **Vote of thanks**
Trevor Armstrong
Executive General Manager, Transmission & System Operations
Ausgrid
- 3.30pm **Conference Close**
Dr Suzanne Rickard
State Director NSW/ACT
CEDA



speakers



Dr Alan Broadfoot

Director
Newcastle Institute for Energy and Resources

Dr Alan Broadfoot's achievements in engineering over the past three decades have been recognised for leading edge technology and innovations in the mining industry that have delivered safety improvements and large increases in production. Until recently, Dr Broadfoot was formerly Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of Ampcontrol, a leading international supplier of electrical and electronic products to the power, energy and mining sectors.

Starting as Chief Engineer in 1991, Dr Broadfoot drove the company's expansion over the past two decades that involved an ambitious research and development agenda, and impressive growth from 250 employees in 2002 to more than 900 in 2010. Under his leadership, Ampcontrol expanded internationally into the United Kingdom, South Africa, Russia, Hong Kong, China and New Zealand.

Dr Broadfoot has a long association with the University of Newcastle. Studying there, he gained first class honours in a Bachelor of Engineering in 1980 before graduating with a Master of Engineering in 1985. Dr Broadfoot completed a Doctor of Philosophy in 1995 and in 2005 was awarded the National Professional Engineer of the Year.

His appointment as the Director of the Newcastle Institute for Energy and Resources (NIER) has launched a new and exciting chapter with the University. NIER is poised to become a world-class centre of energy research. It is a major initiative bringing together the University's leading energy and resources researchers into facilities unmatched by any other education and research centre in Australia in scale and quality. As Director of the Institute, Dr Broadfoot brings a wealth of industry knowledge and experience. Charged with advancing research in clean energy production, energy efficiency and the minimisation of carbon emissions, this role carries significant importance.



Dr Dan Bunting

Senior Consultant
The Allen Consulting Group

Dan is an economist with experience providing economic advice both as an academic and in government. Dan has recently joined the Allen Consulting Group from the Quantitative Analysis unit at Federal Treasury where he provided advice on the macroeconomic and budget impacts of Henry Review proposals, and prepared key components of the Budget, Pre-election economic and fiscal outlook and Mid-year economic and fiscal outlook.

Prior to this, Dan worked at the University of NSW as a lecturer in economics while researching toward his PhD in economics. Dan's PhD examined the rising use of non-tariff trade barriers – particularly quarantine - by governments and the economic impacts of these.

Dan's interest in the region has come from his work developing a demo-economic model that looks at the divergent future needs for investment in infrastructure across the region.



Paul Ebert

ANZ Manager – Future Energy
WorleyParsons Pty Ltd

Paul Ebert is the Australian and New Zealand (ANZ) manager for future energy for the WorleyParsons Power Customer Sector Group. This group essentially provides strategy oversight for the broader ANZ business in relation to the power generation, distribution and retail market.

His role concentrates on alternative or emerging power generation technologies and business, which worldwide is experiencing significant focus as the sector responds to market and policy changes. His work crosses elements of technology, engineering, policy and strategy and currently focuses on the development of cleaner energy technologies, particularly renewable energy. He continues to maintain a close working relationship with power clients.

Paul started his career in the steel industry before moving into the electrical utility sector where the majority of his career has been. He has always worked at the developing end of this sector and enjoys the challenge associated with change. He is an engineer with both degree and PhD qualifications and is based in Newcastle.



Tom Gellibrand

Deputy Director General, Plan Making and Urban
Renewal
Department of Planning and Infrastructure

Tom is the Deputy Director General of the Department of Planning with responsibility for the Office of Plan Making and Urban Renewal. Tom has 20 years experience in strategic planning at both the state and local government level, and has been directly responsible for the preparation of major infrastructure planning and delivery strategies.

At the local government level, Tom has led the development of strategic plans for major release areas as well as the development of planning instruments to support urban development.

Tom has tertiary qualifications in Town Planning (University of Sydney), Public Administration (University of Sydney), and Applied Science (University of Canberra).



Bruce Hemingway

Manager, Solutions & Marketing Communications Sector
A/NZ
IBM Corporation

Bruce Hemingway is a senior IBM leader, responsible for building, transforming and growing highly successful businesses at a global level within the company. His extensive experience in the global market place, which spans the US, Asia Pacific and Japan, includes experience in the Travel & Transport, Telecommunications, Energy & Utilities, and Distribution sectors.

Most recently Bruce has driven the development and implementation of the IBM growth case for the Energy and Utility industry. This has resulted in significant investment in the Industry both across A/NZ and globally in alignment with IBM corporate Smart Planet strategy. A key milestone in these activities has been the acknowledgement of IBM as technology partner with Ausgrid in the Federal Governments Smart Grid Smart Cities announcement. He is responsible for strategy and execution in this business, which is growing at over 25% p.a.

Prior to this role, Bruce led a number of substantial business transformation engagements across the Telecommunication (wholesale, retail and operations), Distribution and Retail industries leveraging his 10 years experience in Executive and General Management roles in BHP, Qantas Airways and Australia Post.

Bruce's experience gives him a strong understanding of cross cultural issues, relationship building and market development in the global economy. He is a highly respected strategic thinker, with a reputation for transforming and building sustainable, high-growth businesses.



Paul Hughes

Chief Executive Officer
Newcastle Airport

Paul Hughes' career with Newcastle Airport commenced in May 2005 as Manager Corporate Services & Company Secretary.

In December 2005 Paul was appointed as Acting CEO, and was formally endorsed in that position from March 2006.

During his time at Newcastle Airport passenger numbers have grown from 460,000 to just under 1.2 million in 2010. Newcastle Airport developed a Master Plan in 2006, to expand its domestic services, introduce international services and expand its footprint as an Aerospace Development Centre. Since then significant progress has been made in achieving these aspirations.

Paul had previously been employed for 20 years at Port Stephens Council, including 15 years in the Senior Executive Management team.

Prior to Port Stephens Council, Paul spent seven years in Chartered Accountancy having attained a Commerce Degree at the University of Newcastle.

In addition to his love of numbers and aeroplanes, Paul is a Board member of:

- Tourism Hunter
- Regional Development Australia – Hunter
- Fighter World Management Committee
- Petersons Champagne House Ltd
- YMCA of Sydney

He is also a representative on:

- The NSW Air Combat Capability Hub - Hunter Region Advisory Council
- Williamstown Consultative Forum – Department of Defence
- The Port Stephens Council Economic Development Advisory Panel.

Paul is a qualified member of Australian Institute of Company Directors (AICD).



David Irwin

Director - Coal
Pacific National

David Irwin has 20 years experience working in the Australian Coal Industry, primarily in management, commercial, financial, procurement, logistics, leadership and operational roles, including significant experience working in mine, export port, construction and rail haulage operations.

Prior to joining Pacific National in 2003, David played a key role in the establishment of the Hunter Valley Coal Chain Logistics Team while working in the role of Manager Planning at Port Waratah Coal Services (PWCS) as the last phase of a 13 year career with Rio Tinto. David continues his involvement as a sponsor of the coordination of coal chain capacity planning as a Director of Hunter Valley Coal Chain Co-Ordinator LTD (HVCCC), Chairman of the HVCCC Capacity Management Committee, and a Director of Integrated Logistics Company Pty Ltd (ILC).

Currently as the Director of Asciano's Pacific National Coal business, David has full accountability for the division's strategy, development, operations and profitability across New South Wales, Queensland and South Australia.

David has been heavily involved in identifying, understanding and managing the logistics and commercial challenges and constraints that exist for coal producers as export volumes have grown and new mines have been developed. This involvement has rapidly spread into the Queensland market over the last three years as Pacific National's operational presence continues to grow. David has a broad coal industry background and understanding, strong relationships with coal producers and co-service providers, and is working with them to develop and facilitate the best coal chain solutions for the rapidly expanding coal delivery task in the interests of supporting the division's growth aspirations.



Alec MacKenzie

Executive General Manager Hunter Valley
Australian Rail Track Corporation (ARTC)

Alec MacKenzie is the Executive General Manager of the Hunter Valley Division and in this role he is responsible for management of the operation and maintenance of the Australian Rail Track Corporation network in the Hunter Valley in NSW. He is also responsible for the delivery of the Corporation's investment in new infrastructure to meet the growing coal freight task.

Prior to taking up this role in October 2009, Alec was the General Manager for the Country Regional Network in NSW responsible for maintenance delivery under a Management Agreement with the network owner, the Country Regional Infrastructure Authority.

Prior to taking up this role in July 2011, Alec was the General Manager of the North/South Corridor between Melbourne and Brisbane.

Before joining ARTC, and after a 25 year career with the Royal Navy, Alec worked for a major defence company BAE Systems both in Australia and the UK in a number of roles within the Military Aircraft Division.



George Maltabarow

Managing Director
Ausgrid

George Maltabarow is Managing Director of Ausgrid (formerly EnergyAustralia), a position held since November 2004. He joined EnergyAustralia as Chief Financial Officer and Company Secretary in February 1999 and prior to becoming MD was General Manager, Network, responsible for planning and operating EnergyAustralia's electricity transmission and distribution networks.

Ausgrid operates Australia's largest electricity distribution system in NSW. Under George's tenure, EnergyAustralia developed a successful gas and electricity business in Victoria and South Australia in a joint venture with International Power. It also developed one of Australia's largest infrastructure programs aimed at renewal of the Sydney Central Coast and Hunter electricity networks.

George's former roles included Executive Director of NSW Treasury, where his focus was microeconomic reform, and Deputy Chairman of NSW Treasury Corporation. George is an energy specialist whose career has included utility and policy roles in all sectors of the electricity industry and government energy policy with the former NSW Energy Authority.

He is a former Chairman and current Board member of the Energy Networks Association of Australia, a Director of the Energy Supply Association of Australia, President of the Electrical and Information Engineering Foundation of the University of Sydney and Member of the CSIRO Sector Advisory Council for Energy and Transport.

George has degrees in Electrical Engineering and Economics and is a Fellow of the Institute of Company Directors as well as Engineers Australia.



Neville Sawyer AM

Co-Founder Ampcontrol
Executive Chairman, Smart Digital Optics

Born, raised and trained in Newcastle, with an electrical technology background from BHP and Siemens, plus additional education in management, marketing and HR at New England and Ballarat Universities. In 1968, he and a partner, established the Hunter based Ampcontrol Group of electrical/electronic engineering companies and spent the following years as the Sales Manager, Project Manager, General Manager, CEO, Managing Director and Chairman, before retiring in December 2005.

Ampcontrol is a designer and manufacturer of specialist products, services and equipment for the mining and resource markets, plus heavy industry, generation/distribution and water utilities, oil/gas and petrochemical, materials handling and processing sectors, with clients across Australia/NZ/PNG and in Fiji, Indonesia, China, India and South Africa.

Since retiring Neville has been involved with innovation SME's as a mentor, Director and investor, as well as being Chairman of the Hunter Founders Forum and Hunter Central Coast Innovation Festival, plus a Director of Hunter Medical Research Institute.



Councillor John Tate

Lord Mayor
Newcastle City Council

Councillor John Tate has been a member of Newcastle City Council since September 1980 and Lord Mayor since 1999. He was re-elected Lord Mayor in the September 2008 elections.

John describes himself as an 'ordinary working guy' who feels the role of local government is to represent the views of the wider community about what they want their place to be and making sure the rates they pay are spent effectively.

John attributes his success to focusing on what the people want, 'I've always tried to represent the people, not myself or any particular interest group and that is what I will be aiming for in the Lord Mayor's Office".

Board Member on the following organisations:

- Co-Chair, Council of Capital City Lord Mayor's Major Cities Working Group
- Deputy Chairperson of Regional Development Australia
- Hunter Councils
- Hunter Integrated Resources

Observer:

- Newcastle Airport Limited

Council Committees:

- Chairs - Council Meetings, Development Application Committee & Strategic Policy Committee

John is also a Patron of many worthwhile organisations.



Caroline Veldhuizen

Senior Research Fellow
Hunter Valley Research Foundation

Caroline joined the Hunter Valley Research Foundation in early 2005 and has a background in corporate, small business and family law and experience in the Land and Environment Court. She graduated in 1990 with a joint Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Laws degree from the University of New South Wales, and also has economic expertise having studied commerce at university for two years and worked for 12 months as an accountant in a top tier firm in Sydney. Caroline is also a Leading Edge Alternative Dispute Resolution trained mediator.

In addition to researching and disseminating the Central Coast and Hunter economic indicators and undertaking contract research at the HVRF, Caroline facilitates workshops, focus groups and other collaborative decision making forums.

One of Caroline's research interests is innovation. Within this broad area she is exploring the way that relationships between business and social enterprise can foster innovation and, simultaneously, provide corporate and community benefits. She has just commenced a PhD in this area.



Todd Williams

Chief Executive Officer
Regional Development Australia - Hunter

Todd Williams was appointed Chief Executive Officer of Regional Development Australia - Hunter in January 2010.

RDA Hunter marks a new beginning for regional advocacy and provides a single voice from the region to all levels of government. RDA Hunter's vision is for growth of a vibrant and sustainable regional economy in a carbon constrained future. This is especially relevant to the Hunter as it is a traditional energy provider and leader in sustainable energy research and development.

Mr Williams is an active member of local business networks and has a strong business education including a Bachelor of Business Administration and Master of Business Administration degrees from his home-town university, Newcastle.

He was previously Director-Operations of Newcastle University Sport. Mr Williams is a former Hunter Business Chamber Young Achiever of the Year where he was recognised for his innovative and successful approach to the establishment of The Forum Health & Wellness Centre, Harbourside. The establishment of the Centre paved the way for the integration of health and fitness into a precinct that was evolving into a vibrant place for people to live and work.



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Trevor Armstrong

Executive General Manager, Transmission & System Operations
Ausgrid

Trevor Armstrong joined EnergyAustralia as a cadet engineer in 1986 and earned his engineering degree through the University of Technology in Sydney. Trevor has spent the last 25 years working in various positions throughout EnergyAustralia including its service arm, Enerserve, where he worked in transmission construction, distribution planning and operations, and project management. In the same division Trevor managed the development of EnergyAustralia's external business for a period of seven years during which he grew the overall revenues in excess of \$70 million per annum.

Recently Trevor has been appointed to the role of Executive General Manager, Transmission & System Operations. This group is responsible for the asset management of the subtransmission network of EnergyAustralia. The role also covers asset management of the Transmission network, system control, major capital projects and the engineering and design of the network. The division is responsible for the capital program, circa \$800m, and operating expenditure of \$120m, with staffing of approximately 1300 people.

Prior to his current position, Trevor held the position of Executive General Manager of the System Planning and Regulation Division. This division comprises System Planning, Maintenance & Replacement Planning, System Control, Regulation & Pricing, Major Customer Connections & Metering and Policy & Standards branches. Under Trevor's leadership, this group produced the capital investment and maintenance strategies for EnergyAustralia's network - a network that reaches 1.5 million customers in Newcastle, the Hunter, the Central Coast and in Sydney.

Trevor has represented EnergyAustralia at world engineering forums and conferences. Under Trevor's direction, EnergyAustralia has implemented best practice maintenance strategies and a transparent capital governance framework that more effectively meets the demands of public scrutiny whilst ensuring customer outcomes are maintained. He has been instrumental in steering the company's 2009 regulatory pricing proposal that will see EnergyAustralia's revenue double within the next five years. This also incorporated preparing the capital investment plan, the largest in the company's history.

Trevor has an Electrical Engineering Degree, is a Fellow of the Institute of Engineers and a Member of the Australian Institute of Company Directors.



Ian Dawson

Global Market Leader, Transport
GHD

Ian is the Global Leader, Transport for GHD.

Ian has some 30 years experience in the master planning, concept development, approval, detail design, construction, commissioning and operation of major infrastructure across the Mining and Resources and Transport sectors. Ian was GHD's Engineering Manager for the EPCM design and delivery of Port Waratah Coal Services's Kooragang Coal Terminal Stage 2 Expansion, Study Manager for the conceptual development of the Kooragang Stage 3 Expansion and GHD's Project Director for the EPCM design and delivery of the rail and civil infrastructure for the Bengalla Coal Mine. He has also managed two significant dredging studies for the Newcastle Port Corporation.

Coal project experience outside of NSW has included:

- Balaclava Island Coal Port Terminal in Queensland
- Multi Cargo Facility, Abbott Point, Queensland

Recent rail experience includes a role as GHD Project Director for the design of the Epping to Chatswood rail link and electrification of the South Coast line. GHD's recent strategic acquisition of the CDL rail business which operates in Australia, the Middle East and Europe was made under Ian's guidance.

Major road projects have also been part of Ian's career, with involvement on many RTA projects, on the Pacific Highway, Great Western Highway, New England Highway and around the greater Sydney metropolitan area.

GHD's Transport business is continuing to grow in Australia and New Zealand and to expand offshore, which keeps Ian very mobile.

Ian has a keen interest in championing the broader productivity and economic benefits that flow from investment in Transport infrastructure.



Rod Pomroy

Rail Manager, NSW
URS Australia (incorporating Scott Wilson)

Rod Pomroy is the NSW Rail Manager for URS-Scott Wilson.

Rod has over 30 years experience in engineering, most recently as MVM Rails ALT board member on the \$170 million RLA Alliance in Sydney, and project manager of the System assurance of the \$2.2 billion Epping Chatswood Commissioning.

For eleven years, Rod Pomroy has also been a judge on the Engineers Australia NSW Engineering Excellence Awards innovations and inventions category.

Rod says “It has been an “absolute privilege” and “fun and fascinating”.

“You can imagine some of the extraordinary inventions I’ve seen whilst judging this award,”

“Just a couple that spring to mind include bionic eyes, and a sleep apnea mask that was developed from a truly amazing technical process. Patenting is a critical component of all new inventions”

“I’ve seen some interesting issues arise as a result of not patenting quick enough.”

Rod is an accomplished presenter, always in demand and happy to share his experience and expertise with organisations including the Victorian Municipal Engineers and the Institution of Engineers Sydney.



Dr Suzanne Rickard

State Director NSW/ACT
CEDA

Dr Suzanne Rickard is the head of CEDA's NSW and ACT operations. She is also responsible for membership and business development activities in NSW and the ACT.

Dr Rickard has more than 20 years experience in public policy research and management. She has been a postdoctoral fellow at the ANU's Institute of Advanced Studies, was awarded the C H Currey Memorial Fellowship at the State Library of NSW in 2000-2001, and is a former member of the Council of the University of Canberra.

Dr Rickard has worked as a principal researcher for Senate committees, analysing issues such as the privatisation of Australia's telecommunications sector, corporate governance in the public and private sector, accountability and improved annual reporting, and IT outsourcing policy. Earlier in her career, she gained extensive experience in professional business administration in the private sector.

Dr Rickard came to CEDA from the ABC's Strategy and Communications Division, where she was a key member of the Government and Parliamentary Relations team.

She has a first class honours degree and a PhD from the Australian National University.



attendees

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calendar of forums and events

Wed 14 Sep

12.00pm to 2.00pm
Hotel Realm,
Canberra

Australia Water Reform – Launch of the National Water Commission’s 2011 Biennial Assessment

Chloe Munro, Chair, National Water Commission

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Tue 20 Sep*

7.45am to 9.00am
CEDA Boardroom,
Sydney

Breakfast on the Run Series II – Part II

Who are you? What it really means to be Australia – Ipsos Mackay Survey results

Dr Rebecca Huntley, Director, Ipsos Marketing

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Wed 21 Sep

12.00pm to 2.00pm
Shangri-La Hotel,
Sydney

Industry Update - Superannuation

Peter Burgess, Technical Director, SMSF

Professionals' Association of Australia Limited (SPAA)

Damian Hill, Chief Executive Officer, REST

Superannuation

Steve Tucker, Group Executive of MLC and nab
wealth

Pauline Vamos FASFA, Chief Executive Officer,
Association of Super Funds Australia Ltd (NSW)

Fri 30 Sep

11.45am to 2.00pm
Hilton Hotel, Sydney

Reinventing the State of NSW Series – Part II

On the move – The State’s Revenues

Grant Gilfillan, Chief Executive Officer & Director,
Sydney Ports Corporation

John Lee, Chief Executive, Transport and Tourism

The Hon Patricia Forsythe, Executive Director,
Sydney Business Chamber

Greg Stone, National Technology Officer, Microsoft

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Thu 6 Oct

12.00pm to 2.00pm
Hilton Hotel, Sydney

CIO Series – Part III

Efficiency in modern financial services

Anne Weatherston, Chief Information Officer, ANZ

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Mon 28 Nov

6.30pm to 9.30pm
Hilton Hotel, Brisbane

CEDA Annual Dinner

Dr Geoff Raby, Former Ambassador to China

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