

# Managing the Future of Australian Farm Land

## CONFERENCE PROGRAM

28, 29 & 30 May 2012



Australian  
Farm Institute



### Monday, 28 May 2012

Field Trip

South-West Sydney: peri-urban and coal seam gas issues

### Tuesday, 29 May 2012

9.00 – 10.35 am

**Is Australia in danger of allowing much of its most productive farm land to be permanently removed from productive farm use? A broad perspective**

**Trevor Budge**, Associate Professor, Community Planning and Development, La Trobe University

**David Cunningham**, Assistant Secretary responsible for the Land and Forests Branch in the Australian Bureau of Agricultural and Resource Economics and Sciences (ABARES)

**John Scholl**, President, American Farmland Trust

Questions and answers

10.35 – 10.55 am

Morning tea

10.55 am – 12.15 pm

**The urban expansion challenge**

**Ian Sinclair**, Principal Consultant, Edge Land Planning

**John Ginivan**, Acting Executive Director, Planning and Building Reform, Planning, Building and Heritage, Department of Planning and Community Development (Victoria)

**Lynne Strong**, Clover Hill Dairies Manager, Art4Agriculture National Program Director (NSW)

Questions and answers

12.15 – 1.15 pm

Workshop

1.15 – 2.00 pm

Lunch

2.00 – 3.20 pm

**The mining and energy challenge**

**Fiona Simson**, President, NSW Farmers' Association

**Jim Reeve**, Director-General, Department of Environment and Resource Management (Queensland)

**Bryce Kelly**, Associate Professor, Connected Waters Initiative, School of Biological, Earth and Environmental Sciences, University of New South Wales

Questions and answers



- 3.20 – 3.40 pm Afternoon tea
- 3.40 – 4.30 pm Workshop
- 4.30 – 5.30 pm **How urban, mining and foreign direct investment pressures influence land valuation and farm valuation**  
**Tim Lane**, Rural Director, Herron Todd White  
**Shaun Hendy**, Director, CBRE Agribusiness  
Questions and answers
- 6.30 – 9.00 pm Conference dinner - Keynote speaker:  
**The Hon Katrina Hodgkinson, NSW Minister for Primary Industries**

## Wednesday, 30 May 2012

- 9.00 – 10.40 am **Farm land and the environmental challenge**  
**Shayleen Thompson**, Head of the Land Division, Department of Climate Change and Energy Efficiency  
**Darren Grover**, National Manager, Species, Terrestrial and Indigenous Partnerships, WWF Australia  
**Mitchell Clapham**, farmer, chairman of Serrated Tussock Project Steering Committee (NSW)  
Questions and answers
- 10.40 – 11.00 am Morning tea
- 11.00 am – 12.20 pm Workshop
- 12.20 – 1.10 pm Lunch
- 1.10 – 2.45 pm **Emerging interests in farm land**  
**Ward Anseeuw**, CIRAD Researcher, University of Pretoria, South Africa, lead author of 'Land Rights and the Rush for Land: Findings of the Global Commercial Pressures on Land Research Project'  
**Tom McKeon**, Chief Executive Officer, Hassad Australia Pty Ltd  
**Conor English**, CEO, Federated Farmers of New Zealand  
Questions and answers
- 2.45 – 4.30 pm Concluding workshop