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Population and Labour Force Prospects for Australia

Public Event

Centre Health Policy | Seminar Series

Venue:	Theatre 2, Alan Gilbert Building 161 Barry Street, Carlton
Date:	Wednesday, 3 rd October 2018
Time:	04:00 - 05:30 PM followed by refreshments
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Bookings:	Free event, bookings required.

Professor Peter McDonald

Peter McDonald is a Chief Investigator of the Australian Research Council's Centre of Excellence in Population Ageing Research. From 1995 to 2016, he was Professor of Demography at the Australian National University. He was a Member of the Ministerial Advisory Council on Skilled Migration for 2012 to 2014 and, in 2014, a Member of the Independent Review of Integrity of the Subclass 457 Programme. In 2017, he was a member of the Independent Assurance Panel for the 2016 Census of Australia. He was awarded the 2015 Irene B. Taeuber Award by the Population Association of America, only the fourth non-American to receive this award. He was President of the International Union for the Scientific Study of Population (IUSSP) for the years, 2010-13. McDonald was awarded an Order of Australia in 2008. He is the coordinating author of the United Nations State of World Population Report 2018.



Australia's Permanent Migration planning level has remained unchanged for the past eight years under both Labor and Coalition Governments. This planning level is based on the impact that immigration has on the ageing of the population and, hence, on GDP per capita. At the same time, the migration intake needs to be consistent with short and medium-term labour demand. For the past eight years, governments have been satisfied that this has been the case. While temporary migration moves annual net migration up and down, it is the permanent programme that sets the longer-term future. From the perspective of labour demand, the argument is strong that present levels of immigration need to be maintained in the medium term. This implies continued rapid growth in the three largest cities. The presentation documents these facts and arguments including discussion of whether alternative settlement patterns are possible.

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