A Roundtable program

## 2012 Productivity Commission Roundtable

## Better Indigenous policies: the role of evaluation

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| **Monday 22 October** | | |
| ***Session 1*** | ***Introduction*** | |
| 2.30 – 2.40 | **Welcome to country – Aunty Agnes Shea** | |
| 2.40 – 3.00 | **Gary Banks**, Chairman, Productivity Commission  *Introduction: ‘Why this roundtable?***’** | |
| 3.00 – 3.20 | **Robert Fitzgerald,** Commissioner, Productivity Commission  *Outcomes for Indigenous Australians — the current situation* | |
| 3.20 – 3.40 | **Fred Chaney,** Board Member, Reconciliation Australia  *The Indigenous policy experience 1960 to 2012* | |
| 3.40 – 4.10 | *Roundtable discussion* | |
| **4.10 – 4.30** | ***Afternoon tea*** | |
| ***Session 2*** | ***The challenges in evaluating social and Indigenous policy***  *Chair: Mike Woods, Deputy Chairman, Productivity Commission* | |
| 4.30 – 4.50  4.50 – 5.10 | **Les Malezer**, Co-Chair of the National Congress of Australia’s First Peoples  *The challenges in evaluating social policy in general, and Indigenous policy in particular*  **Deborah Cobb-Clark**, Director of the Melbourne Institute of Applied Economic and Social Research  *The case for making public policy evaluations public* | |
| 5.10 – 6.00 | *Roundtable discussion* | |
| **6.00 – 7.00** | ***Pre-dinner drinks*** | |
| **7.00 – 10.00** | ***Dinner***  Dinner speech by **Jody Broun**, Co-Chair, National Congress of Australia’s First Peoples. | |
| **Tuesday 23 October** | | |
| ***Session 3*** | | ***Key themes in evaluation of Indigenous policy and programs***  *Chair: Lisa Gropp, First Assistant Commissioner, Productivity Commission* |
| 9.00 – 9.20 | | **Matthew James,** Branch Manager, Performance and Evaluation Branch, Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs  *Designing evaluation strategies* |  |
| 9.20 – 9.40 | | **John Taylor,** Director, Centre for Aboriginal Economic Policy Research, Australian National University  *Data for better Indigenous policy: achievements, constraints and opportunities* |  |
| 9.40 – 10.00 | | **David Kalisch,** Director, Australian Institute of Health and Welfare  *Communicating evaluation outcomes: Maximising transparency and impact* |  |
| 10.00 – 10.45 | | *Roundtable discussion* |  |
| **10.45 – 11.00** | | ***Morning tea*** |  |
| ***Session 4*** | | ***International experience***  *Chair: Jenny Gordon, Principal Adviser Research (Canberra), Productivity Commission* |  |
| 11.00 – 11.30 | | **Helen Moewaka Barnes,** Director of the Whariki Research Group, Massey University, Auckland  *Better Indigenous policies: an Aotearoa New Zealand perspective on the role of evaluation* |  |
| 11.30 – 12.00 | | **Frances Abele**, Professor of Public Policy and Administration, Carleton University, Ottawa  *Is evaluation a tool for social justice? Reconciliation? Control? Reflections on the Canadian experience in Indigenous affairs* |  |
| 12.00 – 12.30 | | *Roundtable discussion* |  |
| **12.30 – 1.30** | | ***Lunch*** |  |
| ***Session 5*** | | ***Evaluation and policy***  *Robert Fitzgerald, Commissioner, Productivity Commission* |
| 1.30 – 1.40 | | **Michael Dillon**, Deputy Secretary, Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs (presented by **Matthew James**)  *The use of evaluation in Indigenous policy and program development: the case of Stronger Futures in the Northern Territory* |  |
| 1.40 – 1.50 | | **Brian Gleeson**, Coordinator General for Remote Indigenous Services  *Learning from experience? Getting governments to listen to what evaluations are telling them* |  |
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| 1.50 – 2.30 | | *Panel*  **Jody Broun**, Co-chair, National Congress of Australia’s First Peoples  **Fred Chaney**, Board Member, Reconciliation Australia  **Helen Moewaka Barnes**, Director of the Whariki Research Group, Massey University |  |
| 2.30 – 3.00 | | *Roundtable discussion* |  |
| **3.00 – 3.15** | | ***Afternoon tea*** |  |
| ***Session 6*** | | ***Conclusions: How to do better?***  *Chair: Alison McClelland, Commissioner, Productivity Commission* |
| 3.15 – 4.30 | | This session will draw on the Roundtable discussions to propose ways of improving and extending the conduct of evaluations. |  |
| **4.30 – 4.45** | | ***Final remarks and close*** |  |