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**The Perth
Roundtable**
15 October 2020

'Australia – where in the world do we go from here?'



Your invitation to participate in

The Perth Roundtable, Thursday 15 October, 2020

*2:00-4:00pm (WST: Perth, Hong Kong, Beijing)
5:00-7:00pm (AEST: Sydney, Melbourne, Canberra)
8:00-10:00am (Paris) | 7:00-9:00am (London)*

Australia's enviable quality of life derives from its economic prosperity, which has been built and sustained over many decades through continuing, bipartisan commitments to openness, trade and engagement with the world, notably Asia.

While the coronavirus pandemic has forced a worldwide lockdown in the movements of people and many export services, Australia, as a trade-dependent nation, faces more serious challenges than most in terms of economic recovery from the pandemic.

Combined with a serious deterioration in the bilateral political relationship with China, with its apparent implications for commerce and trade, Australia's future prosperity is now at serious risk.

What are the options and economic choices that Australia faces? Are we able to envisage a concerted strategy to rebuild and once again face outwards and engage with the world? And if so, what would that take? Or, going forward, will Australia choose to settle for a smaller economy and a reduced standard of living?

The Perth Roundtable on 15 October will be the fifth in the *Australian Roundtable* series convened by the Global Foundation, with the support and leadership of outstanding Australian and global contributors, including our Key Partners and Partners. For those based in Western Australia, it will be possible to attend the roundtable; all others are invited to join online, by Zoom videoconference.



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The Perth Roundtable will be hosted by **Sue Kench**, Global CEO and **Nigel Hunt**, Perth Managing Partner of King & Wood Mallesons and will feature special contributions by **Neville Power**, Chairman of the COVID Commission, **Mark Cutifani**, CEO of Anglo-American and **Archbishop Kay Goldsworthy**, Anglican Archbishop of Perth.

Previous Australian roundtables have been held in **Bega Valley**, **Sydney** and **Melbourne** (on two occasions). Reports of each are available on the Foundation's website - click on the links - and will contribute to a Final Report with recommendations for action, at the conclusion of the Australian Roundtable series, in early 2021.

Please advise of your ability, or that of your representative, to attend, to Donna Portland, by 9 Oct 2020: Donna.Portland@GlobalFoundation.org.au

I do hope that you can join us for this very important roundtable discussion.

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Kindest regards,

Steve Howard
Secretary General

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