



**National Citizen Engagement Forum**  
*Engaging citizens in Australia's future policy:  
Building and applying the evidence*

**Date:** Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> September 2008  
**Time:** 9am - 5pm  
*Registration from 8:30am*  
**Location:** Royal on the Park Hotel, Alice Street (cnr Albert Street), Brisbane  
**Cost:** \$140/person (all catering and materials provided)  
**Facilitator:** Prof. Janette Hartz-Karp, Curtin University  
Sustainability Policy (CUSP), Curtin University

Effective citizen engagement requires the involvement of consumers and other citizens in developing health policy about issues that affect them.

Most policy-makers agree this is a new and very important way that governments need to do their business. It was also a key commitment emerging from the Australia 2020 Summit.

**But what does citizen engagement really mean in practice?  
And what about citizen's role in decision making?**

**Presenters will include:**

- \* The Hon. Stephen Robertson, MP, Minister for Health (Queensland)
- \* Ms Fiona Armstrong, Chair, Australian Health Care Reform Alliance
- \* Assoc. Prof Lyn Carson, Deliberative/Participatory Democracy, The United States Studies Centre, The University of Sydney
- \* Dr Browyn Fredericks, NHMRC Postdoctoral Fellow, Monash University; CCRE Queensland Aboriginal and Islander Health Council (QAIHC)
- \* Dr Judy Gregory, Director, Information Design Centre (IDC)
- \* Ms Michelle Howard, Public Advocate, Office of the Public Advocate (Qld)
- \* Ms Jill Lang, Director, Queensland Council of Social Service
- \* Mr Tony McBride, CEO, Health Issues Centre
- \* Mr Mitch Messer, Chair, AIHPS & Consumers Health Forum of Australia
- \* Ms Caron Molster, Manager, Policy and Community, Community and Social Research, Office of Population Health Genomics, Department of Health (Western Australia)
- \* Ms Prue Power, Executive Director, Australian Healthcare and Hospitals Association (AHHA)
- \* Prof Brian Oldenburg, Chair, International Public Health Unit, Monash University & Research Director, AIHPS
- \* Prof Andrew Wilson, Executive Director, Policy, Planning & Resourcing Division, Queensland Health

**For more information or to register:**

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- 9:00 – 9:40am**      **Welcome, overview, introductions and Acknowledgement to Country**  
The Hon. Stephen Robertson MP  
Professor Brian Oldenburg  
Dr Judy Gregory  
Professor Janette Hartz-Karp
- 9:40 – 9:55am**      **Deliberative Survey**
- 9:55 – 10:45am**      **How citizens can contribute to policy\***  
Associate Professor Lyn Carson  
Professor Andrew Wilson  
Dr Bronwyn Fredericks
- 10:45 – 11:00am**      **Morning Tea**
- 11:00am – 1:00pm**      **How citizen engagement can “value add” to policy development**  
Panel speakers: Mr Tony McBride, Mr Mitch Messer, Ms Jill Lang  
*(Including table deliberations)*
- 1:00 – 2:00pm**      **Lunch**
- 2:00 – 3:00pm**      **How can an organisation create ‘real’ inclusive, deliberative, influential engagement?**  
Panel speaker: Ms Prue Power, Ms Fiona Armstrong, Ms Caron Molster  
*(Including table deliberations)*
- 3.00 – 3:15pm**      **Complete deliberative survey**
- 3:15pm**      **Afternoon Tea (take to tables)**
- 3:15 – 4:00pm**      **Moving citizen engagement forward – what are the next steps?**  
*(Table deliberations)*
- 4:00 – 4:20pm**      **Final reflections**  
Ms Michelle Howard
- 4:20 – 4:40pm**      **Deliberative Survey – Preliminary Findings**
- 4:40 – 4:50pm**      **Where to from here?**
- 4:50 – 5:00pm**      **Disseminate preliminary report and close**

\* 10 mins per speaker