

## NUCLEAR INDUSTRY FUTURE FOR AUSTRALIA?

A special seminar to discuss and debate the issue of nuclear energy is being convened by the Submarine Institute of Australia (SIA).

The title of the seminar, which will take place on 2 October at the Australian Strategic Policy Institute (ASPI) in Canberra, is:

*“A Nuclear Industry Future for Australia? Starting the Conversation.”*

SIA President, Mark Sander said: “As the premier organisation for the promotion of informed discussion and research in the fields of submarine operations, engineering and history, the SIA is continually looking at ways it can help to enhance the public policy debate on submarines and submarine matters.

“This upcoming seminar is designed to discuss and debate the merits of a nuclear industry for Australia, including, but not limited to, propulsion for future Royal Australian Navy submarines.

“The SIA has been careful to assemble a list of speakers and participants who are both for and against a greater use of nuclear energy in Australia, to, among other things, ensure the discussion and debate is as balanced as possible.”

Speakers/participants in the seminar include:

- Hon Martin Ferguson AM, former Minister for Resources and Energy (keynote address);
- Dr Adi Paterson, Chief Executive Officer, Australia Nuclear Science and Technology Organisation;
- Mr Robert Pritchard, Executive Director, Energy Policy Institute;
- Professor Ian Lowe, Emeritus Professor of Science, Technology and Society, Griffith University;
- Rear Admiral Steve Lloyd CBE, RN (retired), former head of UK Ministry of Defence nuclear submarine procurement;
- Mr Peter Jennings PSM, Executive Director, Australian Strategic Policy Institute;
- Professor Tom Frame AM, Director – Public Leadership Research Group, UNSW Canberra;
- Hon Stephen Conroy, former federal Cabinet Minister;

- Professor Ken Baldwin, Director, Australian National University Energy Change Institute;
- Mr Greg Ward, Chief of Staff to the Royal Commissioner, Nuclear Fuel Cycle Royal Commission;
- Mr Allan Behm, former federal ministerial Chief of Staff and Policy Advisor in the climate change, industry and defence materiel portfolios;
- Dr Ben Heard, Founder/Director, Bright New World;
- Ms Katherine Ziesing, Editor, Australian Defence Magazine; and
- A representative of the Minerals Council of Australia.

Tickets to the seminar are on sale now.

Further information about speakers/participants and how to book tickets can be found on the SIA website, by clicking [here](#).

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