



Shergold to take an evidence-based approach to NSW population policy

Chancellor Professor Peter Shergold AC addresses migration and multicultural event, International Metropolis Conference, Sydney

Western Sydney University Chancellor Professor Peter Shergold who was announced on NSW Premier, Gladys Berejiklian's three-member panel to develop a NSW population policy, addressed a global delegation at the International Metropolis Conference in Sydney yesterday. When asked about his involvement in the panel he told the 700 strong audience: "We need to take an evidence-based approach to ascertain how much of the problem is one of urban infrastructure and how much of it relates to temporary and permanent migration. I look forward to gathering a range of opinions and data to assist in making recommendations to the Premier," said Professor Shergold. Premier Berejiklian announced on Wednesday that she wanted the state to return to 'Howard-era immigration levels', which would mean halving the state's migrant intake, due to concerns about population expansion. "It is becoming increasingly clear that the current high rates of population growth are putting even more pressure on our infrastructure," she said in a statement. The International Metropolis Conference, Sydney is the largest migration and multicultural event in the world. It continues until Friday 2 November. www.metropolis2018.org.au

Violet Roumeliotis, CEO of Settlement Services International and Chancellor Professor Peter Shergold

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About the Event

The International Metropolis Conference will be held at the ICC Sydney 29 October – 2 November 2018. Metropolis 2018 is the only platform to bring together international, national and local migration influencers alongside academic, government, practitioner and community perspectives to highlight the latest research, challenges, insights and successes in migration, diversity and integration. Metropolis 2018 is important as the thought leaders and brightest minds of the migration sector will come together to drive enterprise, innovation and social change. We will see and hear the stories of lived experience center-stage at our event, and we will encourage debate on the hard questions, whilst seeking important new solutions. Metropolis is committed to sharing the intricacies of 21st Century migration, to shape 21st Century solutions. The Conference Chairs are: Violet Roumeliotis, CEO, Settlement Services International and Telstra Business Woman of the Year 2018 Dr Bulent (Hass) Dellal AO, CEO, Australian Multicultural Foundation Hakan Harman, CEO, Multicultural NSW The conference theme is Global Migration in Turbulent Times. It will focus on the following eight sub-themes:

- Enterprise, Innovation and Employment – catalysts for social change?
- Migration and Mobility – the dynamic shifts in the Asia-Pacific region
- Displacement and asylum – new dimensions driving an old phenomenon
- Visible and powerful – migrant voices in a connected world
- Conflicting agendas? National, local, regional and global responses to the governance of migration
- Religious diversity – a bridge or a barrier to belonging?
- Migration and inequality – complex challenges under the microscope
- Australia a multicultural paradise – myths and realities

For all conference and program information www.metropolis2018.org.au

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