

ROAD USER PRICING SEMINAR

**8th August 2017,
Barnett Long Room, Customs House, Circular Quay, Sydney**

AGENDA

9:00 – 9:10

Welcome

Helen Rowe, Co-Design

9.10 – 9.20

Introduction

Dr Elliot Fishman, Institute for Sensible Transport

CURRENT CONTEXT AND LEADING PRACTICE

9.20 – 10.00

Current and best practice transport policy

Professor Bert van Wee, Delft University of Technology, The Netherlands

10.00 – 10:25

Unscrambling the Toll Road Egg: How toll roads locked in irrational pricing and options for a more effective approach

Professor John Quiggin, Queensland University

10.25 - 10:50

The absence of effective price signals on our roads is a failure that must be addressed

Peter Harris, AO, Productivity Commission

10:50 – 11:10

Panel Q & A (Bert van Wee, John Quiggin and Peter Harris)

11.10 – 11.30

Morning tea

THE DISRUPTIONS

11.30 – 11:50

Disruptive transport technology and future trends

Dr Elliot Fishman, Institute for Sensible Transport

11:50 - 12:10

Understanding the human response: Insights from examining motorists motivation to drive and implications for road user pricing

Dr Jennifer Kent, University of Sydney

12:10 – 12:20

Q&A Panel (Elliot Fishman and Jennifer Kent)

12:20 – 1:20

Lunch

THE WAY FORWARD

1:20 – 1:50

The future of road user pricing: Technological, social and political considerations for introducing a distance based road user charge

Professor Bert van Wee, Delft University of Technology, The Netherlands

1:50 - 2:30

Transition towards a fair and acceptable user-pays system on Australian roads

Professor Michiel Bliemer, University of Sydney

2.30 – 2:50

Q&A with Bert van Wee and Michiel Bliemer

2:50 – 3:10

Afternoon tea

3:10 – 3:30

Land Transport Market Reform – work underway and next steps

Nicole Spencer

General Manager, Land Transport Market Reform, Commonwealth Department of Infrastructure and Regional Development

3:30 – 3:55

Taking the right road: The need for road pricing in Australian cities

Dr Tim Williams, CEO, Committee for Sydney

3:55 – 4:30

Panel discussion and Q&A with Speakers

- Professor Bert van Wee, Delft University of Technology, The Netherlands
- Professor Michiel Bliemer, Sydney University
- Dr Tim Williams, Committee for Sydney
- Nicole Spencer, Commonwealth Department of Infrastructure and Regional Development
- Dr Jennifer Kent, Sydney University
- Professor John Quiggin, University of Queensland
- Dr Elliot Fishman, Institute for Sensible Transport

4.30pm

Close

SEMINAR SPEAKERS



Peter Harris AO
Chairman, Productivity
Commission

Peter Harris is Chairman of the Productivity Commission. Mr Harris has previously served as Secretary of the Commonwealth Department of Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy, and the Victorian Government agencies responsible for Sustainability and the Environment; Primary Industries; and Public Transport. He has worked for the Ansett-Air New Zealand aviation group and as a consultant on transport policy. He has also worked in Canada on exchange with the Privy Council Office (1993-1994). His career with the government started in 1976 with the Department of Overseas Trade and included periods with the Treasury; Finance; the Prime Minister's Department and Transport; and he worked for two years in the Prime Minister's Office on secondment from the Prime Minister's Department as a member of then Prime Minister Bob Hawke's personal staff. In 2013, he was made an Officer of the Order of Australia 'for distinguished service to public administration through leadership and policy reform roles in the areas of telecommunications, the environment, primary industry and transport'. He has a degree in Economics from the University of Queensland (1975)



Professor Bert van Wee
Delft University of Technology,
The Netherlands

Bert van Wee is professor of Transport Policy at Delft University of Technology, the Netherlands, faculty Technology, Policy and Management. In addition he is scientific director of TRAIL research school. His main interests are in long-term developments in transport, in particular in the areas of accessibility, land-use transport interaction, (evaluation of) large infrastructure projects, the environment, safety, policy analyses and ethics. He gained his PhD in Economics and Econometrics at the University of Amsterdam, and his masters in Geography at Utrecht University. In 2014 the Transport Geography Specialty Group of the Association of American Geographers offered him the Edward L. Ullman Award



Professor John Quiggin
University of Queensland

John Quiggin is an Australian Laureate Fellow in Economics at the University of Queensland. He is prominent both as a research economist and as a commentator on Australian economic policy. He is a Fellow of the Econometric Society, the Academy of the Social Sciences in Australia and many other learned societies and institutions. He has produced over 1500 publications, including six books and over 200 refereed journal articles, in fields including decision theory, environmental economics, production economics, and the theory of economic growth. He has also written on policy topics including climate change, micro-economic reform, privatisation, employment policy and the management of the Murray-Darling river system. His latest book, *Zombie Economics: How Dead Ideas Still Walk Among Us*, was released in 2010 by Princeton University Press, and has been translated into eight languages

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Dr Tim Williams
CEO, Committee for
Sydney

Dr Tim Williams is CEO of the Committee for Sydney which Premier Baird once described as 'challenging Sydney to be great'. Tim was recognised as one of the UK's thought-leaders in urban regeneration and economic development for his role in developing East London as CEO of the Thames Gateway London Partnership. In 2003 Tim was named by a poll of his peers as the leading personality in urban renewal in the UK. He helped secure the Olympics for Stratford and helped design a legacy strategy enabling local communities to benefit from the Games. Between 2008 and 2010 he advised the CEO of Lend Lease on the building of the Olympic Athletes Village in Stratford. He has also served as a special advisor on urban development, governance, city strategy and planning to 5 successive UK cabinet ministers between 2005 and 2010. He also advised the Mayor of London on his housing strategy and wrote the Mayor's residential design guide for London. Tim in 2001/2 was a founding associate member of Tony Blair's Prime Minister's Delivery Unit. He has written for The Guardian, SMH, Telegraph and made dozens of appearances on radio and TV programmes in Australia and the UK. In 1996 he wrote and presented a 50 minute TV documentary on his Ph.D. on the BBC. Tim has advised ministers in three states in Australia and was recently asked by the ACT Government to deliver the Chief Minister's Annual Lecture.



Professor Michiel Bliemer
University of Sydney
Business School

Michiel Bliemer is Professor of Transport Planning & Modelling at the Institute of Transport and Logistics Studies at the University of Sydney Business School since 2012. Michiel has a MSc in econometrics and a PhD in transport planning and traffic engineering. Prior to coming to Australia he worked for 15 years at Delft University of Technology as well as at the Netherlands Organisation for Applied Scientific Research and at the largest transport and traffic consultancy in the Netherlands. At the University of Sydney he is responsible for coordinating and teaching the Strategic Transport Planning unit as well as the Traffic & Mobility Management unit. Michiel's main areas of research include transport network modelling, demand forecasting, travel behaviour, stated choice surveys and experimental design, road pricing reform, and traffic flow simulation. Michiel advises governments in Europe and Australia on their transport models and actively together with consultants and software developers to establish advanced tools for strategic transport and infrastructure planning.



Dr Jennifer Kent
University of Sydney

Dr Jennifer Kent is a University of Sydney Research Fellow in the Urban and Regional Planning program at the University of Sydney. Jennifer's research has two key themes. The first relates to day-to-day mobility, with an explicit mandate to record and theorise shifts away from private car use towards more sustainable transport modes in car oriented cities. The second is on the general links between the built environment and health. The various health impacts of transport, including the detrimental health implications associated with private car dependency, exist as the nexus between these two research themes. Jennifer publishes regularly in high ranking scholarly journals and her work has been used to inform policy development in NSW and Australia, including Sydney's most recent metropolitan strategy – A Plan for Growing Sydney.

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Nicole Spencer

Department of
Infrastructure and
Regional Development

Ms Nicole Spencer is the General Manager of the Land Transport Market Reform Branch within the Commonwealth Department of Infrastructure and Regional Development. Ms Spencer has held a number of senior roles within the portfolio, as well as leading various task forces into specific issues affecting the transport and infrastructure sector. Ms Spencer's current role involves progressing research and policy development work on land transport market reform.

Her current role includes analysis of long-term issues affecting transport, oversight of regulatory reform agenda and land transport market reform, development of portfolio strategy, management of whole-of-portfolio, whole-of-government issues. TMB delegate to the International Transport Forum at the OECD. Currently leading the newly created Land Transport Market Reform Branch focused on efficient, fair, competitive and sustainable transport markets, including the acceleration of heavy vehicle road reform.



Dr Elliot Fishman

Director, Institute for Sensible
Transport

Dr Elliot Fishman completed his PhD at the Centre for Accident Research and Road Safety and his Post Doc at Utrecht University in the Netherlands. He has advised the Australian Prime Minister's Office on sustainable mobility, as well as the NYC Department of Transport and Transport for London. In 2016 completed two landmark reports for the City of Melbourne and City of Adelaide on disruptive transport technology and the implications for local government. Dr Fishman has written for The Age, the Herald Sun and other major daily newspapers on transport issues. His work has been among the most read and cited articles in peer reviewed transport journals. In 2015 is was lecturer in *Integrated Transport Planning* at RMIT University is currently Director of Transport Innovation at the Institute for Sensible Transport. In 2016 he led the bike share feasibility studies for Perth, Adelaide and Sydney and prepared several Integrated Transport Strategies for local governments.