

## Fifth National Meeting of China Matters

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### Biographies of panellists, moderators and speakers

#### Major General Richard Burr DSC AM MVO

Richard Burr has been the Deputy Chief of the Australian Army since January 2015. His diverse career encompasses unique service as Deputy Commanding General, U.S. Army, Pacific; command of the 1st Division/Deployable Joint Force Headquarters and command of the Special Air Service Regiment. His operational commands have included the International Security Assistance Force Special Operations Forces in Afghanistan, and Australian Special Forces Task Groups in Afghanistan and Iraq. His prior positions include senior adviser in the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet, Director General of Military Strategic Commitments, Director General of Preparedness and Plans (Army), Chief Instructor of the Australian Defence Force Warfare Centre, instructor at the Royal Military College, Duntroon, and Equerry to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. His numerous accolades include the Distinguished Service Cross, Member of the Order of Australia and Member of the Royal Victorian Order.

#### Ms Susan Cao

Susan Cao is the Assistant Principal (External Engagement) at Top Education Institute and also the Chief Operating Officer of PwC Alliance Programs. Susan has extensive experience in the international education industry across the areas of student recruitment, industry relationships, regulation policies, quality assurance and standards of Tertiary Education Quality Standards Agency (TEQSA), Higher Education Framework, ESOS Act and current student visa regulations. She has expertise in building stakeholder relationships and developing effective marketing strategies within the education industry, especially with China. She holds Masters degrees from Macquarie University and UTS.

#### Professor Peter Coaldrake AO

Peter Coaldrake is Vice-Chancellor and President of Queensland University of Technology, a position he assumed in April 2003. Peter is a dual Fulbright Scholar, and author or editor of a number of books and monographs, including most recently *Raising the Stakes: Gambling with the Future of Universities*, co-authored with Dr Lawrence Stedman (UQP, April 2013). A second edition was published in 2016. Peter served a two-year term as Chair of the Board of Universities Australia (2009-2011). He returned as a member of the Board in May 2014. He was formally Chair of the Queensland Heritage Council (2011 – 2016) and is now a trustee of both the Queensland Performing Arts Trust and the Queensland Museum Foundation. Peter is the current Chair of the National Fulbright Selection Committee and the Editorial Board of the *Journal of Higher Education Policy and Management*.

#### Dr Bates Gill

Bates Gill (PhD Virginia) is a Board Director of China Matters and Professor of Asia-Pacific Strategic Studies at the Strategic and Defence Studies Centre, Australian National University. In 2016 he completed a fellowship as the Sir Howard Kippenberger Chair in Strategic Studies at the Centre for Strategic Studies, Victoria University of Wellington. He is an internationally recognised China expert with 30 years of experience as a scholar and policy advisor focusing on the country's political scene, socioeconomic development, and foreign relations. The Chinese Diplomatic Academy recently ranked him as one of the top 10 American China-watchers. He headed the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI) and held the prestigious Freeman Chair in China Studies at the Center for Strategic and International Studies in Washington DC. Bates has authored eight books; the most recent is *China Matters: Getting It Right For Australia*, with co-author Linda Jakobson, released in March 2017.



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### Mr Andrew Harding

Andrew Harding became Managing Director and CEO of Aurizon in December 2016. Andrew's 24-year executive career has been spent with Rio Tinto and in its subsidiary companies, with his most recent role being the global Chief Executive Iron Ore. He was formally the Global Practice Leader, Asset Management, Technology and Innovation group of Rio Tinto (2005 to 2009). Andrew has completed a Bachelor of Mining Engineering at the University of New South Wales and holds an MBA from Deakin University. Andrew is a member of the 2012 class of Henry Crown Fellows at the Aspen Institute. He is married with three daughters and lives in Brisbane.

### Ms Linda Jakobson

Linda Jakobson is the Founding Director and CEO of China Matters. Over the past three decades she has served as a policy advisor to the governments of seven countries. She was previously the Lowy Institute's East Asia Program Director (2011-2013). Before moving to Sydney in 2011, she lived and worked in China for 22 years and wrote six books on Chinese and East Asian society. Her last position in Beijing was Director of the China and Global Security Programme at the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI). In 2017 she was invited to join the board of the new Diplomatic Academy of the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade. Linda's most recent book is *China Matters: Getting It Right For Australia*, co-authored with Bates Gill, released in March 2017.

### Mr Arthur Kroeber

Arthur Kroeber is head of research at Gavekal, a financial-services firm based in Hong Kong, founder of the China-focused Gavekal Dragonomics research service, and editor of *China Economic Quarterly*. He divides his time between Beijing and New York. Before founding Dragonomics in 2002, he spent 15 years as a financial and economic journalist in China and South Asia. He is a senior non-resident fellow at the Brookings-Tsinghua Center, an adjunct professor at the Columbia University School of International and Public Affairs, and a member of the National Committee on US-China Relations. His book *China's Economy: What Everyone Needs to Know* was published by Oxford University Press in 2016. He contributed the economics chapter to the book *China Matters: Getting It Right For Australia*.

### Dr Simon Longstaff AO

Simon Longstaff commenced as the first Executive Director of The Ethics Centre in 1991. He has been named as one of AFR Boss' True Leaders for the 21st century. He began his working life on Groote Eylandt (Anindilyakwa) in the Northern Territory where he worked in the Safety Department of the then BHP subsidiary, GEMCO. He is proud of his kinship ties with members of the island's Indigenous community. Simon undertook postgraduate studies in philosophy as a Member of Magdalene College, Cambridge. He is a Fellow of CPA Australia and was appointed an Honorary Professor at the National Centre for Indigenous Studies, the Australian National University in 2016. Simon was the inaugural President of The Australian Association for Professional and Applied Ethics, and a World Economic Forum Fellow. He serves on a number of boards and committees across a broad spectrum of activities.



### Mr Michael Mann AM

Michael Mann is the Founding Chancellor of Torrens University Australia, Australia's first new comprehensive university in 20 years. He is also Managing Director (Asia-Pacific) of Laureate International Universities and Chair of THINK Education. Michael was the Founding President of RMIT's University in Vietnam. Michael commenced his career as a cadet journalist at *The Australian* newspaper, before moving to diplomacy. For four years, he was the Australian Ambassador to Vietnam (1998-2002). He held postings in Japan, Cambodia, Italy, China, Indonesia, Thailand, France, Laos and was an Assistant Secretary of DFAT (1988-1990). Michael was the Founding CEO responsible for international television at the ABC (1994-1997). Michael is a member of the Australian Institute of Company Directors. He was made a Member of the Order of Australia in 2009.

### Mr Andrew Michelmore

Andrew Michelmore has been Executive Director of MMG since 2009 and was Chief Executive Officer until the end of 2016. He was previously CEO of Zinifex Limited and then OZ Minerals Limited. Prior to this he spent two years working in London and Russia as CEO of EN+ Group and became interim Chairman of RUSAL, an EN+ portfolio company, in October 2006. Andrew spent 12 years at WMC Resources as CEO. He is a fellow of the Institution of Chemical Engineers and the Australian Academy of Technological Sciences and Engineering. Andrew is Chairman of the International Council on Mining and Metals, Chairman of the Jean Hailes Foundation for Women's Health, Chairman of the Council of Ormond College at the University of Melbourne and a member of the Business Council of Australia. In 2017 he joined the board of China Matters.

### Mr John O'Neill AO

John O'Neill is Chairman and Non-Executive Director of Star Entertainment Group. He was Managing Director of the State Bank of New South Wales (1987-1995), and CEO of Australian Rugby Union (ARU) in 1995. In 2004, John joined Football Federation Australia where he established the A-League and took the Socceroos to the 2006 FIFA World Cup for the first time in over 30 years. In 2007 he returned to the ARU as Managing Director and CEO and was appointed inaugural Chairman of Events NSW. He was a Non-Executive Director of Rugby World Cup Limited (2012-2014). He was a recipient of the Australian Sports Medal in 2000 and an Officer of the Order of Australia (AO) in 2004. In 2005, John was awarded the Chevalier de la Legion d'Honneur. In 2015 he was inducted as a Member into the Sport Australia Hall of Fame for outstanding achievement in rugby union and football.

### The Hon. Keith Pitt MP

Keith Pitt was sworn in as the Assistant Minister for Trade, Tourism and Investment on 19 July 2016. He was elected as Member for Hinkler in 2013. Keith was heavily involved in the establishment of Taskforce Cadena - a multi-jurisdictional taskforce targeting worker exploitation. In February 2016, he became the Assistant Minister to the Deputy Prime Minister, Barnaby Joyce. Before entering politics, Keith owned a consulting and training business delivering VET across the East Coast of the country, but particularly in rural Queensland. Prior to that he owned cane farms in Bundaberg. His family continues to farm and run a substantial harvesting business. Keith holds a Bachelor degree in computer and electrical engineering from the Queensland University of Technology, and is a qualified electrical fitter and engineer. An active member of the Hinkler community, Mr Pitt was a surf lifesaver for over 10 years.



### Dr Geoff Raby

Geoff Raby was Australia's Ambassador to China from 2007 to 2011. Following completion of his Ambassadorial term, after 27 years in the public service, mostly with DFAT, he established Geoff Raby and Associates Ltd. Geoff also holds a number of non-executive, independent director positions with ASX-listed companies, including OceanaGold, Yancoal and iSentia. Geoff was appointed to the Investment Attraction South Australia Advisory Board in 2016. Geoff serves as Co-Chair of Corrs Chambers Westgarth's China practice. He is head of Trade Policy at the London-based think-tank Policy Exchange. Geoff is a member of the Advisory Board for Advance Global; the China Studies Centre at the University of Sydney; La Trobe Asia; and the Foundation of the National Gallery of Victoria.

### Mr Dennis Richardson AO

Dennis Richardson commenced as Secretary of the Department of Defence on 18 October 2012. He has held a number of senior government positions including Secretary of the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (2010-2012), Ambassador of Australia to the United States (2005-2009), Director-General of the Australian Security Intelligence Organisation (1996-2005), Deputy Secretary of the Department of Immigration and Multicultural Affairs (1993-1996), Head of the Review of the Intelligence Community post-Cold War 1992 and Principal Adviser to the Prime Minister (1990-1991). He has also served as a diplomat, including postings to Nairobi, Port Moresby and Jakarta. He graduated from Sydney University with a Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in 1968. Dennis was awarded an Officer in the Order of Australia in 2003.

### Mr Peter Varghese AO

Peter Varghese became the fourteenth Chancellor at The University of Queensland in 2016. He is also a non-Executive Director on the Board of AMP. Prior to this Peter was Secretary of the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (2012-2016). His diplomatic appointments include High Commissioner to India (2009-2012), High Commissioner to Malaysia (2000-2002) and postings to Tokyo, Washington and Vienna. Peter was also Director General of the Office of National Assessments (2004-2009). In 2003, he was senior international adviser in the office of Prime Minister Howard. He also headed the international division of the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet (1998-1999). Peter led the secretariat which drafted Australia's first White Paper on foreign and trade policy (1996-1997). He was appointed an Officer in the Order of Australia in 2010 and awarded a Doctor of Letters *honoris causa* by The University of Queensland in 2013.

### Mr Jason Yat-sen Li

Jason Yat-sen Li is Chairman of Vantage Asia Holdings, a commercial group with offices in Beijing and Sydney with interests in financial services, resources and technology businesses in Asia. Jason spent 10 years living and working in Beijing, first with Insurance Australia Group where he was Head of China Strategy, and then as Managing Director of Yatsen Associates, a corporate advisory firm he founded specialising in cross-border M&A. Jason was recently a non-executive director of the George Institute for Global Health and is a member of the Sydney Committee of the Australian Chamber Orchestra. He was appointed a Young Global Leader of the World Economic Forum in 2009 and currently serves on the WEF's Global Agenda Council for China.

