

Eighth National Meeting of China Matters

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Biographies of panellists, moderators and speakers

Professor Attila Brungs

Attila Brungs is the Vice-Chancellor and President of the University of Technology Sydney. He has previously held senior positions with CSIRO and McKinsey & Company. Professor Brungs is a Rhodes Scholar with a Doctorate in Inorganic Chemistry from Oxford University and a University Medal in Industrial Chemistry from the University of New South Wales. Some of Professor Brungs' present key appointments include ATN Chair; the NSW Innovation and Productivity Council; Committee for Sydney, Sydney Narrative Steering Group; and ATSE fellow. His experience includes many distinguished past board and committee memberships, including not-for-profit organisations, in addition to numerous state and federal government and institutional appointments.

The Hon Dr Craig Emerson

Craig Emerson is an eminent economist with 35 years of experience in public policy, politics and public service. He is Managing Director of Craig Emerson Economics Pty Ltd, providing professional services to governments and the business community. He is the Director of the Australian APEC Study Centre at RMIT, a Distinguished Fellow at the Australian National University (ANU), Adjunct Professor at Victoria University, Chair of the McKell Institute and a columnist with *Australian Financial Review*. Dr Emerson was Australia's Minister for Trade and Competitiveness (2010-2013). He was the architect of the 2012 White Paper on Australia in the Asian Century and was appointed Minister Assisting the Prime Minister on Asian Century Policy. He was formerly Minister for Tertiary Education, Skills, Science and Research, Minister for Competition Policy and Minister for Small Business. Dr Emerson was economic, trade and environmental adviser to Prime Minister Bob Hawke. He has a PhD in Economics from ANU.

Senator the Hon Concetta Fierravanti-Wells

Concetta Fierravanti-Wells was elected to the Senate in 2005 and has served as the Assistant Minister for Multicultural Affairs with portfolio responsibilities in the Attorney-General, Immigration and Border Protection and Social Services, as well as serving as the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Social Services, with special responsibility for multicultural affairs and settlement service. She was Minister for International Development and the Pacific (2016-2018). Before entering the Senate, Senator Fierravanti-Wells was involved in many different community organisations and activities, including strong and extensive engagement in culturally and linguistically diverse communities. She has been a lawyer with the Australian Government Solicitor and was a private secretary to the former Premier of NSW, John Fahey. Senator Fierravanti-Wells graduated from the Australian National University with a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and European Languages (1980), and a Bachelor of Laws (1982).

Mr Patrick Hutchinson

Patrick Hutchinson has been at the helm of the Australian Meat Industry Council (AMIC) since 2017 as the Chief Executive Officer, bringing with him more than 20 years of experience in the meat industry in a variety of leadership roles. Mr Hutchinson is an advocate for adapting and evolving to meet the challenges of the future, where he recognised the need for a forum to bring China trade relationship strategies together across the supply chain. The support and response from industry, the media and most of all AMIC members has seen the realisation of this vision. Mr Hutchinson is committed to building a strong and sustainable meat industry. He believes that a strong relationship with China is key to helping the Australian meat industry thrive, whilst meeting the overall China relationship challenges of today and tomorrow.

Ms Linda Jakobson

Linda Jakobson is the founding director and Deputy Chair of China Matters. She has been a student of Chinese politics and the foreign and security policy of the People's Republic of China (PRC) for the past three decades. She is internationally known for her publications about China's foreign policy. Her China-related career includes posts as a teacher at the Shandong Institute of Economics in the PRC, a lecturer at Hong Kong City University, a foreign correspondent in Beijing, a visiting professor at Sydney University, and senior researcher and program director at the Finnish Institute of International Affairs, Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI), and the Lowy Institute for International Policy. Upon leaving Lowy, Ms Jakobson founded China Matters, an independent policy institute focussed on the tough policy issues in the Australia-China relationship.

Ms Madeleine King MP

Madeleine King was elected to the Federal Parliament in 2016 and was appointed Shadow Minister for Trade by Opposition Leader Anthony Albanese following the 2019 election. She has previously held the positions of Shadow Minister for Consumer Affairs, Shadow Minister Assisting for Small Business and Shadow Minister Assisting for Resources. Ms King has strong personal links with her House of Representatives seat of Brand, having grown up in the area and attended local public schools. She worked as a solicitor in private practice, before moving into the higher education sector as a lawyer and then as Chief of Staff at The University of Western Australia. Before entering Parliament, Madeleine was the founding executive and Chief Operating Officer of the Perth USAsia Centre (2012-2016). Under her leadership, Ms King helped bring a unique Western Australian perspective to the international discussion on Australia's role in the emerging Indo-Pacific region.

Mr Richard Maude

Richard Maude is Deputy Secretary, Indo-Pacific Group, in the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade. His portfolio covers Australia's bilateral relations with Australia's partners in Asia and North America, as well as Australia's regional political, security, economic and development assistance interests. In 2017, Mr Maude was head of the whole-of-government taskforce which supported the preparation of the Australian Government's 2017 Foreign Policy White Paper. Mr

Maude was Director-General of the Office of National Assessments from May 2013 until November 2016. ONA reports directly to the Prime Minister and provides all-source assessments on international political, strategic and economic developments affecting Australia's national interests. Before taking up the position of Director-General ONA, Mr Maude was the senior adviser on foreign policy and national security issues in the Office of the Prime Minister.

Ms Caroline Millar

Caroline Millar is Deputy Secretary, National Security, in the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet covering national security, defence, intelligence and international policy. A senior career officer from the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT), Ms Millar has focused most of her career on international security, humanitarian and multilateral issues and Australia-US relations. She was previously DFAT Deputy Secretary (April to September 2018), and Chargé d'Affaires ad interim (a.i.) at the Australian Embassy to Belgium and Luxembourg and Australia's Missions to the European Union and NATO (October 2017-March 2018). Ms Millar was also Deputy Head of Mission at the Australian Embassy in Washington (January 2014-September 2017), DFAT First Assistant Secretary (2013) and Head of the United Nations Security Council Taskforce (2010-2012). Previously Ms Millar was the Ambassador to the United Nations and Ambassador for Disarmament (2006-2010). She holds a MA/BA (Hons) degree in history from University of Cambridge.

Mr Alistair Nicholas

Alistair Nicholas is CEO of China Matters. His career of more than 30 years spans international trade policy, diplomacy, journalism, business, government relations, corporate affairs and crisis management in multiple markets including Australia, the United States and China. He has been international trade policy advisor to the Australian government; Australian Trade Commissioner to the World Bank and United Nations; the head of corporate and government affairs practices of international communications firms in Beijing and advisor to major global companies on corporate and government affairs in numerous markets. Mr Nicholas has written extensively on doing business in China, and on public and corporate affairs, including contributions published in international university textbooks. He has advised Australian businesses on their China business strategies, and Chinese businesses on their Australian operations. Mr Nicholas holds a Bachelor of Arts (Hons) in Political Science from the University of New South Wales, and a Certificate in Executive Leadership from Cornell University.

Mr Andrew Parker

Andrew Parker is a Sydney-based Partner at PwC where he leads the Australian firm's Asia Practice. Mr Parker joined Price Waterhouse in 1985, became a partner in 1999 and spent 12 years in PwC's London, Moscow and Jakarta offices where he gained considerable experience advising companies investing in foreign (and particularly developing) markets. Mr Parker was previously the leader of PwC's Asian telecoms industry team. He is a member of the Board of China Matters, a member of the Advisory Board of Asia Society Australia and a non-executive director of the Australia Indonesia

Centre at Monash University. Mr Parker was the lead author of PwC's landmark report on Australia's lack of business investment in Asia titled 'Passing us by'.

Major General Gavan Reynolds AM

Major General Reynolds is a career Army officer whose operational service includes the First Gulf War, military observer with the United Nations in Lebanon and Syria and the Australian Joint Task Force Iraq in 2007. He was promoted to the rank of Brigadier in 2010 to serve in Afghanistan and then Director General Personnel for the Army. He served as the Commander 6th Combat Support Brigade from 2013 to 2015. On promotion to Major General he was posted as the Australian Military Representative to NATO and the EU in Brussels. Major General Reynolds is currently based in Canberra where he is the Head of Military Strategic Plans.

Mr Dennis Richardson AC

Dennis Richardson was Secretary of the Department of Defence from 2012 until his retirement in 2017. 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 in 1992 and Principal Adviser to the Prime Minister (1990-1991). Mr Richardson also served as a diplomat, including postings to Nairobi, Port Moresby and Jakarta. He graduated from Sydney University with a Bachelor of Arts (Hons) in 1968. Mr Richardson was made an Officer of the Order of Australia (AO) in 2003 and was advanced to a Companion of the Order of Australia (AC) in 2019.

Dr Heather Smith PSM

Heather Smith was appointed Secretary of the Department of Industry, Innovation and Science in September 2017. She has had 18 years of experience in the Australian Public Service at senior levels, with responsibility for a number of significant government policies and programs covering economic, foreign affairs and intelligence matters. Dr Smith was previously Secretary of the Department of Communications and the Arts (2016-2017), and Deputy Secretary in the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (2013-2016) and the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (2010-2013). In 2015, Dr Smith was awarded a Public Service Medal for her outstanding public service as Australia's G20 Sherpa in 2014. She holds a Bachelor of Economics (First Class Honours) from the University of Queensland and a Masters and PhD in Economics from the Australian National University.

The Hon Warwick Smith AO

Warwick Smith is the Chairman Advisory Board of Australian Capital Equity. He is Executive Chairman of AL Capital and Aqualand Australia and Director of Global Strategy, Shanghai Shenglong Investment Group Limited and a Board Director of Magnis Energy Technologies and Estia Health. He served as Chairman of the Australia-China Council for over 8 years and in early 2019 was appointed Chair of the National Foundation for Australia-China Relations. Mr Smith

concurrently serves as Chairman of the China Leadership Group of the Business Council of Australia. He is Global Trustee of the Asia Society and Chairman Emeritus of the Asia Society in Australia and Special Envoy of Trade and Investment to the New South Wales Government. Mr Smith was an Australian Federal Government Minister with a parliamentary career spanning 15 years. He was also Australia's first Telecommunications Ombudsman, is a Centenary Medal recipient and was twice awarded an Order of Australia.

Professor Michael Wesley

Michael Wesley is Professor of International Affairs and Dean of the College of Asia and the Pacific at the Australian National University, and a Board Director of China Matters. Previously, he was the Director of the Coral Bell School of Asia Pacific Affairs at ANU from 2014 to 2016, the Executive Director of the Lowy Institute for International Policy from 2009 to 2012, Director of the Griffith Asia Institute at Griffith University from 2004 to 2009, and Assistant Director-General for Transnational Issues at the Office of National Assessments from 2003-2004. Professor Wesley's 2011 book, *There Goes the Neighbourhood: Australia and the Rise of Asia* (UNSW Press, 2011), was awarded the John Button Prize for the best writing on Australian politics and public policy. Professor Wesley holds a PhD from the University of St Andrews and an BA (Hons) from the University of Queensland.

Mr Richard Yetsenga

Richard Yetsenga is Chief Economist and Head of Research at ANZ, based in Sydney. With more than 20 years of experience in financial services, he leads the bank's global economic and markets research efforts, with a focus on Australia, New Zealand and Asia. Prior to his role in ANZ, Mr Yetsenga was Managing Director and Global Head of Emerging Market FX Strategy at HSBC in Hong Kong. Prior to that, he held economics and markets strategy roles with Deutsche Bank and the Australian Government. Mr Yetsenga has also published on issues such as why technology's challenges will eclipse the rise of China. Mr Yetsenga has also made regular appearances on CNBC, Bloomberg TV and Sky News, and is a contributor to the *Australian Financial Review* and *The Australian*.

Senator the Hon Simon Birmingham – Dinner keynote

Simon Birmingham has served as a Liberal Party Senator for South Australia since May 2007. In August 2018, he was appointed Minister for Trade, Tourism and Investment as well as Deputy Leader of the Government in the Senate. Prior to entering the Senate, Minister Birmingham worked for various industry bodies, establishing particular experience in the wine, tourism and hospitality sectors. After less than three years in the Senate, Minister Birmingham served as Shadow Parliamentary Secretary for the Murray-Darling Basin and the Environment until the 2013 election. Following the 2013 election, he became Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for the Environment, with responsibility for water policy. From 2014, he was Assistant Minister for Education and Training in the Abbott Ministry and then Minister for Education and Training in 2015 in the Turnbull government. In February 2018, he was appointed Manager of Government Business in the Senate. Minister Birmingham holds an MBA from the University of Adelaide.

Mr Kevin McCann AM – *Dinner welcome remarks*

Kevin McCann is Chair of China Matters. He is also Chairman of Telix Pharmaceuticals, Citadel Group, the Menzies Research Centre and the Smith Family Centenary Council. He is a member of the Male Champions of Change, a Presiding Pro Chancellor of the University of Sydney, Co-Vice Chair of the New Colombo Plan Reference Group, a Director of the US Studies Centre and Evans and Partners Advisory Board. Mr McCann is a board member of the John Grill Centre for Project Leadership, a Governor of Queenwood School for Girls and he is also on the Advisory Committee for Australian Equities Flagship Fund. Formerly also Chairman of Macquarie Group and Macquarie Bank, Mr McCann practiced in commercial law as a Partner of Allens from 1970 to 2004, and was made a Member of the Order of Australia for services to the Law, Business and the Community in 2005.

Dr Martin Parkinson AC PSM – *Dinner vote of thanks*

Dr Martin Parkinson was formerly Secretary of the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet. Prior to this, Dr Parkinson served as Australia's Treasury Secretary, and was a Non-Executive Director on the boards of ORICA, O'Connell Street Associates, and the German-Australian Chamber of Industry and Commerce. Dr Parkinson is a member of the Male Champions of Change and has previously served as a member of the Board of the Reserve Bank of Australia, Chair of the Board of the Australian Office of Financial Management, and a member of Prime Minister Abbott's Business Advisory Council and Prime Minister Gillard's Australia's Asian Century Strategic Advisory Board. In 2017, Dr Parkinson was made a Companion in the Order of Australia (AC) for services to the Australian community and was also awarded the Public Service Medal in 2008 for his contribution to the development of economic policy.

Professor Simon Evans – *Meeting welcome remarks*

Simon Evans is the Pro Vice-Chancellor, College of Arts, Social Sciences and Commerce at La Trobe University, leading the College that houses La Trobe's schools of Humanities & Social Sciences, Business, Law and Education. Prior to La Trobe, Mr Evans was Pro Vice-Chancellor (International) at the University of Melbourne, working on international strategy and partnerships across the institution, and a Professor in the Melbourne Law School. He was elected as a Fellow of the Australian Academy of Law in 2018. Mr Evans also conducts research in the field of comparative public law, with broad interests in constitutional and administrative law. His work has encompassed a range of topics in private law and constitutional property rights, including the powers and accountabilities of the executive branch of government, the implementation of the Victorian Charter of Human Rights, and the effectiveness of the Commonwealth model of human rights protection.