



Background information

WA Policy Forum (WAPF) is a think tank dedicated to providing a vehicle for progressive policy analysis, ideas and recommendations that directly affect Western Australia and the local community.

WAPF is the first think tank of its kind in the State and its establishment recognises that WA requires a unique set of policy issues and challenges, distinct from the Eastern States.

The first policy paper was launched in March, 2008. The paper, entitled, 'Climate Change, Aviation and Western Australia: Policy Prescriptions for the WA Government' by aviation lawyer David Hodgkinson, explores the significant effects of aviation on climate change and suggests mitigation policies that the State Government could adopt.

WAPF has no party allegiance or particular policy line and welcomes submissions from authors of all progressive parties and views.

WAPF aims to issue regular research publications to stimulate debate within the community and encourage action by the State Government.

Maintaining a strict anti-discrimination policy, WAPF will not consider publications that breach this policy commitment in any way.

WAPF is independently funded. More information can be found at wapolicyforum.org.au

Who's who?

WA Policy Forum directors:

David Ritter is the Senior Oceans Campaigner at Greenpeace in London and a Visiting Fellow to the Faculty of Law at the University of Western Australia. He has served on the boards of various Western Australian community organisations and is a regular contributor to public and academic debate across a range of issues.

Julian Roche started his career with the UK Civil Service. He left to become an economist and subsequently a derivatives expert at the London Commodity Exchange. In 1991 he set up his own real estate consultancy and was later appointed a senior consultant to a venture capital company. Since 2000 he has been working primarily in Asia and Europe as a consultant, advising global banks and government agencies on aspects of corporate and real estate investment, valuation and restructuring. He has published a number of books and regularly presents seminars on a range of financial topics. Julian lives in country WA.

Raj Selvendra (Sel) started his career as a public affairs adviser to the US Government before moving to Australia in 1988. He has held senior management positions in various companies including Energy Equity Company, and has worked for other public listed companies including LNG Limited. Sel played an active role in Malaysian politics and worked to establish a \$100 million ringgit community based investment company, and a community based educational foundation which established the TAFE College of Malaysia. Sel is a board member of various local organisations, Vice President of the Burswood Branch of the WA ALP and was Convenor of the Multicultural and Ethnic Affairs Policy Committee of the state ALP (WA Branch). He currently also serves on the Belmont Rotary, board of the Lady Gowrie Child Care Centres, and the Belmont Business Enterprise Centre. His current business focus is coal mining in Indonesia and Australia.



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