



# Return government to the people



*Citizens taking  
Responsibility*

## Australian Citizens Party

National Conference – Policy Platform Launch

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The Angliss Conference Centre - Melbourne, Victoria





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**Master of Ceremonies (MC)**

*Craig Isherwood*  
Citizens Party Leader & Founder

8:00am - 9:00am

Registration (Tea and coffee available)

9:00am - 10:30am

Panel 1

## National sovereignty – Australia needs an independent foreign policy



**Australia is not sovereign without an independent foreign policy**

*John Lander*

Former Australian Deputy Ambassador to China (1974-76)  
Former Ambassador to Iran (1985-87)



**Subservience to a foreign power damages Australia's most important trade relationship**

*Kingsley Liu*

Past President of Asian Australian Lawyers Association  
Honorary President of the Chinese Community Council of Australia



**Australian government's Gaza hypocrisy betrays its Muslim citizens**

*Aisha Novakovich*

BA, LLB, lawyer, community advocate, entrepreneur

**Question and Answer**

10:30am - 11:00am

Morning Tea

11:00am - 12:30pm

Panel 2

## Economic sovereignty – Australia needs a national bank



**Reclaim economic sovereignty with a post office People's Bank**

*Elisa Barwick*

Chief Editor, Australian Alert Service



**The Commonwealth Bank of Australia From Promise to Despair and Despoliation**

*Dr. Evan Jones*

Honorary Associate in Political Economy at the University of Sydney



**A People's Bank will set standards for serving consumers**

*Assoc. Professor Dr Andy Schmulow*

Faculty of Business and Law, University of Wollongong

**Question and Answer**

Panel 1

Panel 2

12:30pm - 1:30pm

Lunch

1:30pm - 3:00pm

Panel 3

## Return integrity to government



### Abolish and replace ASIC

*John Adams*

Independent Economist and Principal Economic Analyst at Adams Economics



### Lawforce: Equality of Arms for financial victims

*Michael Sanderson*

Financial victims' advocate

Foundation member of Bank Warriors and advisor with Bank Reform Now



### Banking self-regulation has failed Australia

*Geoff Fader*

Chair of the Tasmanian Small Business Council

Former chair of COSBOA

### Question and Answer

3:00pm - 3:30pm

Afternoon Tea

3:30pm - 5:00pm

Panel 4

## An honest approach to governance



### True transparency in government: support and protect whistleblowers

*John Shipton*

Anti-war activist, leading advocate for his son Julian Assange



### The ACP's principled approach to politics

*Dr. Hakim Gassiep*

Secretary of Islamic Society of Melbourne Eastern Region (ISOMER)



### How the ACP will represent citizens in Parliament

*Robert Barwick*

ACP Research Director, lead Senate candidate for Victoria

### Question and Answer

5:00pm

Close



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