



LG Professionals Australia: Cities Showcase

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Sharing local government technical expertise to address the following questions:

How does the concept of the City Deal work?

Can it be replicated in Australia?

What would need to change to make them work?

Speakers

Professor Mark Evans

Professor Mark Evans is the Director of the Institute for Governance and Policy Analysis (IGPA) at the University of Canberra. His research focuses on the theory and practice of governance and policy analysis with a specific emphasis on methods of change governance. Mark has acted as a senior policy advisor, delivered leadership development and managed evaluation projects in 26 countries. He is the author, co-author or editor of 24 books in his field and has been the editor of the international journal *Policy Studies* since 2005. His most recent books include: *From Abbott to Turnbull: a new direction?* and *Methods that Matter* with Gerry Stoker (2016). He has been awarded honorary positions with the universities Gadjah Madah, Renmin, York and Hull and is currently a Council member of the Institute of Public Administration Australia.

Professor Gerry Stoker

Professor Gerry Stoker holds professorships in governance at IGPA and the University of Southampton. His main research interests are in urban politics, democratic politics, governance, local and regional governance, public participation and public service reform. He was previously professor at both Manchester and Strathclyde. Gerry was the founding chair of the New Local Government Network that was the think-tank of the year in 2004 and his book *Why Politics Matters* won the 2006 political book of the year award from the Political Studies Association of the UK. Gerry was also senior policy advisor on local government reform to the Blair Government from 1997-2003. During that period, he also worked with the Council of Europe on issues of local governance and public participation.

Professor Graham Sansom

Graham Sansom is now an Adjunct Professor at the University of Technology Sydney (UTS). Until 2012 he was professor and director of the Australian Centre of Excellence for Local Government. Previously he was chief executive of the Australian Local Government Association, a senior manager in local councils and state agencies, and a Canberra-based consultant providing policy advice to all levels of government. In 2012-13 he chaired the Independent Local Government Review for the NSW government, and was also a member of the South Australian Local Excellence Panel. Graham has specialised in inter-government relations, metropolitan planning and management, regional development and comparative local governance, working with a wide range of Australian and international organisations, and authoring numerous papers and book chapters on those themes. He was the founding editor of the Commonwealth Journal of Local Governance from 2008-2011, and in 2013 co-edited *New Century Local Government: Commonwealth Perspectives*.

Andrew Wardlaw

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