

FREE PUBLIC LECTURE

*THE HORRIBLE MESS OF CLIMATE CHANGE POLITICS:
HOW DID WE GET HERE AND WHERE ARE WE GOING?*

HUMAN GEOGRAPHY PUBLIC LECTURE:

Responding adequately to scientists' warnings about global warming has seemed to be impossible for Australia's political system. And, indeed, for Australians. Most say they accept the science but seem unwilling to do much in response, including electing governments to take urgent action. Meanwhile denialism has gained more traction, just at the time when big business is moving the other way, recognising that climate change is

here to stay and they must adapt their business models for the new risks and opportunities. Globally, business is now ahead of government. Yet it is too late to prevent severe, and possibly catastrophic, warming of the globe. In this lecture, Clive Hamilton, a participant in the public debate over climate science and policy for more than 20 years, will map some of its major stages.

PLENARY ADDRESS:

PROFESSOR CLIVE HAMILTON

Clive Hamilton is an author and public intellectual. He has published widely and his books include *Growth Fetish* (Allen & Unwin, 2003), *The Freedom Paradox: Towards a post-secular ethics* (Allen & Unwin, 2008), and *Requiem for a Species: Why we resist the truth about climate change* (Earthscan, 2011). From 1994 he was the founder and executive director of the Australia Institute, a progressive think tank.

In 2009 Clive was made a Member of the Order of Australia for his contribution to public debate and public policy. In 2012, he was appointed by the Federal Government to the Climate Change Authority, from which he resigned this year. He holds a BA from the ANU, a BEc (with first class honours) from the University of Sydney and a DPhil from the Institute of Development Studies at the University of Sussex.



EVENT DETAILS

DATE

Wednesday 23 August, 2017

TIME

Registration

5.45pm

Event commencement

6.00pm

Q&A

7.10pm

Networking and refreshments

7.30pm

LOCATION

Village Roadshow Theatre, State Library of Victoria

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PANELLISTS:

William Jackson

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Climate Works.