

CLAIR Forum Program

Local Government Reform: Towards a Sustainable Future

-Ideas from Japan-



Wednesday, 10th March 2010, City of Stirling

MC - Mr. Anthony Quahe, Civic Legal

9:00am- 9:30 am

Opening Greetings

- Mayor David Boothman, City of Stirling
- Mr. Hiroshi Ueda, Senior Managing Director, CLAIR Tokyo (with interpreter)
- Mr. Torao Sato, Consul-General of Japan in Perth
- Ms. Jennifer Mathews, Director General, Department of Local Government (On behalf of Minister for Local Government Hon. John Castrilli MLA)
- Cr. Bill Mitchell, President, WALGA

9:40am- 9:55am

Introduction

- Local Government in Japan-

Presentation by Kenji Ikeda, Director CLAIR, Sydney

9:55am – 10:55am

Municipal Amalgamation in Japan: Background, Experiences and Outcomes

Prof. Sachio Konishi, Graduate School of Economics
Kwansei Gakuin University.

Former Chairman, Advisory Committee on Municipal
Amalgamation, Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communication

10:45am- 11:15am

Morning Tea

11:15am-11:45pm

“Dynamics of Local Government Reform in Australia”

Professor Graham Sansom

Director, Australian Centre of Excellence for Local Government

- 11:45pm -12:05pm** ***“Geraldton Greenough Amalgamation”***
Mr. Tony Brun, CEO, City of Geraldton- Greenough
- 12:05pm- 12:50pm** **Lunch Break**
- 12:50pm- 1:50pm** ***Voluntary Municipal Amalgamation: Case Study and Review of Hokuto City, Regional Japan - With interpreter***
- Mr. Osamu Niitsu, Director General, Tokyo office, Yamanashi Prefectural Government.
Former Deputy Secretary- General, Amalgamation Consultation Committee, Hokuto City.
- 1:50pm-2:10pm** ***“Amalgamation: A Country Perspective”***
Cr. Steven Pollard, President, Shire of Northam
- 2:10pm-2:30pm** **Afternoon Tea**
- 2:30pm- 3:30pm** **Panel discussion/ Forum discussion**
Attended by
- Ms. Jennifer Mathews, Department of Local Government
 - Prof. Graham Sansom, ACELG
 - Steven Pollard, Shire of Northam
 - Tony Brun, City of Geraldton- Greenough
 - Prof. Sachio Konishi, Kwansai Gakuin University (w interpreter)
 - Mr. Osamu Niitsu, Yamanashi Prefectural Government (w interpreter)
- Panel discussion will be facilitated by Mr. Anthony Quahe
- 3:30 pm- 4:00 pm** **Question Time**
- 4:00 pm-** **Forum wrap up and conclusion by Mr. Anthony Quahe**