

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

MELBOURNE 19 - 21 MAY, 2006

PROGRAM

Saturday 20 May 2006 – Investing in the Future

Saturday is open to the
public – all welcome

0730 Breakfast and Registration

0900 Welcome to Country

0905 Introduction and Housekeeping – Nina Burridge, National President

0915 **Greg Bourne**, CEO, World Wildlife Fund – **The Need to Build a Sustainable and Just Nation**

1000 **Senator Lyn Allison**, Federal Parliamentary Leader – **Investing in the Future**

1025 **Don Chipp**, Founding leader of the Australian Democrats

1040 Morning Tea

1100 Panel – **"Separation of Church and State"**

- Lyn Allison, Leader, Australian Democrats
- Dr Max Wallace, Director, Australian National Secular Association
- Dr Mark Zirnsak, Director, Justice and International Mission Unit

1210 Panel – **"Do We Need a Bill of Rights?"**

- Julian Burnside, QC
- Nick Carney, Executive officer, New Matilda Human Rights Act Campaign

1315 Lunch

1405 Panel – **"Democrats Role in the Current Senate"** – Sponsored by the Don Chipp Foundation

- Dr Jenny Stock, expert in politics and government
- Andrew Bartlett, Australian Democrats Parliamentary Whip
- Dr Nick Economou, expert in politics and government

1515 **Afternoon Tea combined Parliamentarians Q & A Session** – Grab a tea or coffee, and speed date with Democrat Senators, MLCs, and key National Executive Officers

1620 Close of Day - Nina Burridge, National President

1900 Conference Dinner – Rydges, Carlton

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Sunday 21 May 2006 – Investing in the Future

0800 Breakfast

0900 Welcome – Nina Burrige, National President

0910 Debate a contentious issue – **"Climate Change and the Nuclear Option"**

- Associate Professor Martin Sevier, School of Physics, University of Melbourne.
- Associate Professor Tilman Ruff, President, Medical Association for the Prevention of War.

1030 Morning tea

1050 **Rebuilding a Member Driven Participatory Democracy – Uniting us with “One Constitution”** – Vicki Berry, National Communications Officer

This workshop will introduce members to a new resource that has been drafted to provide information and resources about the Democrats structure, committees, processes, community politics, and campaigning. Everything divisions and members need to know to be involved in decision making and be active in the party and the community. This session will be interactive and will be run by Vicki and co-facilitators.

1200 Lunch

1245 Concurrent **Policy** Workshops x 3

- Child Care policy
- Indigenous policy
- Media ownership policy

1345 Concurrent **Skills** Workshops x 3

- Media training
- Community Politics
- Campaigning

1430 Afternoon tea

1445 **Future Directions – where to from here**

1530 Adoption of Conference Resolution and close

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