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### EVIDENCE-BASED POLICY FOR DECISION-MAKERS

Hotel George Williams, 317-325 George St Brisbane

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#### PROGRAM

- 8.00 Tea and coffee available.
- 8.30 Registration and introductions.
- 9.00 Protocols.
- 9.05 History of scientific discovery, Enlightenment, scientific method, peer-reviewed authentication. *Dr Geoff Edwards and Michael Gutteridge.*
- 9.20 Different philosophical approaches underpinning modern debate. *Dr Geoff Edwards and Michael Gutteridge.*
- 9.30 History of economic thought. *Dr Brendan Markey-Towler.*
- 10.15 Morning tea.
- 10.30 Government, business and society. *Dr Heather Douglas.*
- 11.00 Policy essentials. *Adj. Assoc. Prof. Kate Charters.*
- 12.30 Lunch, with informal roundtable discussion between registrants, presenters, members of the Royal Society and other guests. At 51<sup>st</sup> Street café adjacent.
- 1.30 Psychological and institutional barriers to evidence based policy. *Michael Gutteridge and Dr Geoff Edwards.*
- 2.15 Science essentials (thermodynamics, chemistry, geomorphology) and limits to growth. *Assoc. Prof. Patrick Moss and Emeritus Prof. Ian Lowe.*
- 3.15 Afternoon tea (bring back to tables).
- 3.20 Climate change and peak oil. *Michael Gutteridge.*
- 3.55 Defining the 'public interest' as a benchmark for policy. *Dr Geoff Edwards.*
- 4.30 Discussion on specific issues raised during the day.
- 5.00 Presentation of certificates. Evaluations. Prospects for future engagement.
- 5.30 Refreshments.
- 6.00 Dinner à la carte for registrants and presenters who wish to stay.

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