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GROWTH: CAN WE DO IT BETTER?

CLIMATE CHANGE AND PLANNING: GIVEN CLIMATE CHANGE, HOW CAN QUEENSLAND'S PLANNING SYSTEMS BE RENDERED FIT FOR PURPOSE?

SATURDAY 21 OCTOBER 2023

Are Queensland's urban and regional planning regimes (statutory and non-statutory) fit for purpose, given climate change, given the vulnerability of many residential developments to natural disasters, and given relentless environmental deterioration?

In collaboration with SEQ Community Alliance, this full day community conference will explore issues relating to planning for growth and urban and regional planning in light of climate change. The event will be held in the QCA lecture theatre (Rm S05_2.04), Griffith University, Southbank from 9.00 AM-4.00PM.

Growth theme (first sessions in morning and afternoon)

Keynote speaker will be **Ms Michelle Cottrell**, Director, ShapingSEQ Review Project Team. Other speakers include: **Ms Amy Degenhart**, (Director, Degenhartshedd Architecture and a member of the Queensland Government Expert Panel on Housing); **Mr John Mongard** (Director, Landscape Architects Pty Ltd); **Ms Rachel Gallagher** (QShelter); **Dr Mark Limb** (QUT) and **Dr Philippa England** (Griffith University).

Planning and climate change theme (second session in morning and closing session)

President **Dr Nelson Quinn** and member **Mr John Brisbin** of The Royal Society of Queensland will lead morning discussion on stewardship and sustainability and evidence of the intensity and cost of natural disasters.

An extended discussion in the second half of the conference, together with the presentations and comments during the day, will help identify important issues for making a successful transition from our present regime to a climate-friendly one. We will build on this beginning and all submitted papers to generate an action plan for success.

Registration You can register for the workshop [here](#).

Call for papers and David Marlow Writing Prize

Papers are invited on the theme of the italicised first paragraph above for a Special Issue of the *Proceedings of The Royal Society of Queensland*, a peer-reviewed journal that has been in continuous publication since 1884. Papers may be in the format of a Short Communication, Opinion Piece, Historical Review or Research Article. Papers received before 31 December 2023 may be eligible for the David Marlow Writing Prize of \$1000. Papers will be published online as soon as they are accepted. See [Proceedings website](#) for details of the volume and the [Research Fund website](#) for details of the David Marlow Writing Prize.