



# ***Australian Future Directions Forum***

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## **Outcomes of the Australian Future Directions Forum**

Ninety emerging leaders at the Australian Future Directions Forum have released the consolidated outcomes of their three day meeting at the Sebel Heritage in the Yarra Valley.

The outcomes include an overview of the issues discussed and specific strategies and initiatives developed by a number of working groups to produce a better Australia over the next 25 years.

The strategies cover a wide range of areas including:

1. Australia's creative industries
2. economic issues
3. education
4. environment
5. foreign policy & regional engagement
6. health
7. indigenous issues
8. leadership & governance
9. national values & identity
10. society, communities & social cohesion
11. work & families

The Chairman of the Australian Future Directions Forum, Mr Graham Kraehe, said the overview and strategies represent a significant contribution to the national debate by a wide cross section of community leaders.

"It is obvious from the volume and quality of the material released that the emerging leaders have responded with diligence and hard work to the challenge set for them," Mr Kraehe said.

"It is pleasing that the participants raised so many issues and took the opportunity to float and confront many new ideas. It is not surprising that there are issues where divergent views remain amongst such a diverse group.

“However, these unresolved issues did not stop participants from focusing on what they could agree on. This shows a very sophisticated approach and provides great confidence that our emerging leaders can make significant progress with goodwill.

“This fulfils the primary aim of the Australian Future Directions Forum - open and honest discussion to identify and confront national issues and challenges in a cooperative and inclusive way.”

Full details of the outcome of the Forum are available from Kim Lovely or Brandon Phillips and will be posted on [www.afdf.net.au](http://www.afdf.net.au) later today.

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