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### Sydney HSR Conference Speakers Announced

We are delighted to announce that **Prof Andrew McNaughton** will be the keynote speaker at the Sydney HSR Mini-Conference on 25th June. See the [Preliminary HSR Conference Program](#) here.



Prof McNaughton authored an in-depth study of faster rail options under former Premier Gladys Berejiklian before she abruptly resigned in October 2021. McNaughton's report proposed improvements to passenger rail connections between Sydney and Newcastle, Wollongong, Canberra and Orange. Premier Dominic Perrottet subsequently shelved the study and closed down the Faster Rail program.

**John Alexander** will join McNaughton as a conference speaker. John chaired inquiries into HSR and faster rail, regional development and housing affordability during his ten year career in the Australian Parliament.

**Prof Garry Glazebrook** is a retired transport and urban planner with over 40 years' experience in government, consulting and academia. Garry recently published [Integrating our Mega-regions](#) which examines how developing an integrating HSR / Fast Rail network can turbocharge our regions.

Save a seat at the Conference by completing this form [HSR Pre-registration](#).



Former Member of Parliament  
John Alexander



Prof Garry Glazebrook

### **Independent Expert Panelist needed!**

The Australian High Speed Rail Association is establishing an Independent Expert Panel to support its objectives. Panel applicants must be current financial Members of the Association with demonstrated expertise in key sectors.

The Panel will support the Association's purpose of providing independent, non-partisan, expert advice to the Australian government, State and Territory government agencies, and other stakeholders involved in planning and developing high speed and faster rail networks. The Panel will be comprised of highly experienced and capable experts in transport, infrastructure, urban and regional development, rail operations and other sectors required in planning and delivering an Australian high speed rail network. Panel members may be asked to assist the Association on a voluntary basis in developing policies, informing media responses, and preparing advocacy and education materials in support of high speed and faster rail development. A register of Independent Expert Panel members will be published on the Association's website and will be made available to government agencies, private sector organisations, community associations and other stakeholders seeking independent advice and information on high speed and faster rail.

If you are an expert in any of the eight subject areas listed in the Expert Panel Application and wish to be considered for membership on the Panel, please complete and submit this form [Expert Panel Application](#).

Not currently a Member? Follow this link to join [Membership Application form](#).

**Volunteers help us grow**

Damien Ottaviano is organising this year's **Sydney Mini-Conference**. If you are interested in attending or helping Damien with this event, contact him directly on [damien.ottaviano@auhsr.org](mailto:damien.ottaviano@auhsr.org).

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