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A special Planning Month 2011 event:

## Future population, infrastructure and sustainability in local communities: rethinking the debates

Join us at the VLGA's October Leading Edge Forum where you will hear a range of economic, planning and environment experts reflect on the current population and growth debates. Join in an interactive panel discussion and debate about what you think the challenges and opportunities are.

- Are we 'managing' the issue or is it managing us?
- Is more leadership and coordination needed?
- What are the implications for local governments and communities?

### Speakers:



**James Lamour-Reid: Committee Member, Planning Institute Australia**

As well as being a Committee Member at the PIA (Vic), James has been a Director of Planisphere - urban strategy planners - since 2009. James has over 20 years planning experience within local government and private consultancy. He has managed large teams in disciplines as diverse as planning, building, arts and culture, environment and health. James has a passion for achieving good planning outcomes, visions that inspire, processes that involve the right people, and strategies that are achievable.



**Brian Haratsis: Managing Director and Chief Economist, Macroplan**

Author of *Australia 2050: Big Australia?* Well known as a Strategic Planner, Futurist and Visionary for over 25 years, Brian has also been the key analyst in major developments and projects. He has had a particular focus on private sector property involvement, as well as understanding communities, tourism and social trends.



**Matt Ruchel: Executive Director, Victorian National Parks Association**

Executive Director of the VNPA since 2007, Matt has a strong background in environmental policy, having worked in the non-government environmental policy areas at the state, national and international levels for over 20 years.

**Thursday 6 October 2011**

VLGA, 60 Leicester Street, Carlton

6pm: Networking, finger-food and refreshments

7-9pm: Leading Edge Forum

**Please RSVP by Monday 3 October**

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