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**PUBLIC LECTURE**

**MOVING TOWARDS  
A MORE EFFECTIVE FEDERATION**

**THE HON DR MIKE NAHAN**

Tuesday 5 August  
from 12:30pm until 2pm  
Hyatt Regency Hotel  
Perth

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## PROGRAM

12noon	Registrations open
12:15pm	Guests seated
12:30pm	Lunch is served
12:50pm	<b>Welcome by Professor John Phillimore</b> Director John Curtin Institute of Public Policy
	<b>Introduction by Professor Alan Duncan</b> Director Bankwest Curtin Economics Centre
1:00pm	<b>Keynote Speaker: The Hon Dr Mike Nahan</b> <b>Moving towards a more effective Federation</b>
1:25pm	<b>Q&amp;A facilitated by Prof John Phillimore</b>
1:50pm	<b>Vote of thanks</b> <b>Professor Graeme Wright</b> Deputy Vice Chancellor, Research and Development, Curtin University
2:00pm	Event ends

## KEYNOTE SPEAKER: THE HON DR MIKE NAHAN



**Hon Dr Mike Nahan**  
Treasurer, Minister  
for Energy,  
Citizenship and  
Multicultural  
Interests

**M**ike Nahan is the Western Australian Treasurer; Minister for Energy; Citizenship and Multicultural Interests.

Dr Nahan was initially appointed to Cabinet as Minister for Energy, Finance, Citizenship and Multicultural Interests following the Liberal National Government's electoral win in March 2013. He was then elevated to the position of Treasurer in March 2014. He was first elected as the Member for Riverton in the 2008 State Election and in 2012 was appointed to the position of Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Education, Energy and Indigenous Affairs.

Dr Nahan chaired the Economics and Industry Standing Committee and has undertaken important inquiries into big issues affecting the State, including domestic gas prices.

The Minister immigrated to Australia in 1978 from the United States and arrived in Western Australia in 1982. Prior to becoming a State politician he was Executive Director of the Institute of Public Affairs, a leading national conservative think tank. He brings to the Ministerial role a lifetime of experience, leadership and values as a parent, a State public servant, an economist and a proven champion for the local community.

Mike holds a PhD in Economics from the Australian National University and was awarded a Centenary Medal by the Australian Government in 2000 for his contribution to public policy.

## ALAN DUNCAN, BANKWEST CURTIN ECONOMICS CENTRE



**Alan Duncan**  
Director  
Bankwest Curtin  
Economics Centre

Prior to becoming the Bankwest Professor of Economic Policy for the Centre, Alan Duncan was the Director of the National Centre for Social and Economic Modelling (NATSEM) at the University of Canberra. Professor Duncan has a range of research interests including welfare policy evaluation, childcare affordability, employment incentives, population dynamics, labour market and welfare program participation, poverty and inequality, and economic and social wellbeing. In 2000 he was awarded the Frisch Medal from the Econometric Society for excellence in applied economic research. He has served on a number of senior advisory panels and boards for government and public sector organisations in the UK, Europe and Australia, advising on areas including tax policy, pensions, labour markets and household welfare.

## JOHN PHILLIMORE, JOHN CURTIN INSTITUTE OF PUBLIC POLICY



**John Phillimore**  
Director  
John Curtin Institute  
of Public Policy

Professor John Phillimore joined Curtin University in 2007 where he is the Executive Director of the John Curtin Institute of Public Policy and also works for the Bankwest Curtin Economics Centre and the National Centre for Student Equity in Higher Education. He previously worked for 10 years at Murdoch University. John also has many years' experience in senior government positions in Western Australia. He was chief of staff and adviser to a number of government ministers 1984-87 and 2001-05, and in 2005-2007 headed intergovernmental relations in the Department of the Premier and Cabinet. At Curtin, he works on a range of public policy issues including federalism, higher education, social policy, innovation policy, and program evaluation.

## GRAEME WRIGHT, RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT, CURTIN UNIVERSITY



**Graeme Wright**  
Deputy Vice-  
Chancellor, Research  
& Development, Curtin  
University

Professor Graeme Wright is Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Research & Development at Curtin University, responsible for all research, research training, and commercialisation and knowledge transfer activities.

Professor Wright obtained his undergraduate degree from Curtin University and Master by Research degree from Murdoch University in Perth. He returned to Curtin to complete his PhD.

Since 2004 Professor Wright has held senior roles at Curtin University including Executive Dean, Associate Deputy Vice-Chancellor Research Training and now Deputy Vice-Chancellor Research & Development. He has extensive knowledge and experience in education and research, and engagement with higher education policy at strategic level.

Professor Wright has extensive experience on Boards and Committees of research centres and CRCs, liaison with industry and negotiation of funding agreements, and broad research knowledge in spatial information sciences. He is currently a non-executive Director of the CRC for Spatial Information.

## ATTENDEES

Adriana Arantes	Department of Treasury
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Donald Baillie	Gerard Daniels
Susan Barrera	
Brian Baynam	
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Lynton Bennett	Department of the Premier and Cabinet
Christopher Berry	Department of Local Government and Communities
Helena Biscaro	Department of Treasury
Imogene Blair	Public Sector Commission
Michelle Blakiston	Curtin University
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Louisa Bowman	National Centre for Student Equity in Higher Education
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Shannon Burdeu	The Chamber of Minerals and Energy of Western Australia
Livia Ceccon	Hays
Cynthia Chan	Department of Treasury
Michael Chan	Curtin University
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## ABOUT THE BANKWEST CURTIN ECONOMICS CENTRE

The Bankwest Curtin Economics Centre (BCEC) is an independent economic and social research organisation located within the Curtin Business School at Curtin University. The Centre was established in 2012 through the generous support from Bankwest (a division of the Commonwealth Bank of Australia), with a core mission to undertake high quality, objective research on the key economic and social issues of relevance to Western Australia.

The Centre's research and engagement activities are designed to influence economic and social policy debates in state and Federal Parliament, regional and national media, and the wider Australian community. Through high quality, evidence-based research and analysis, our research outcomes inform policy makers and commentators of the economic challenges to achieving sustainable and equitable growth and prosperity both in Western Australia and nationally.

The Centre brings a unique philosophy to research on the major economic issues facing Western Australia. By bringing together experts from the research, policy and business communities at all stages of the process - from framing and conceptualising research questions, through the conduct of research, to the communication and implementation of research findings - we ensure that our research is relevant, fit for purpose, and makes a genuine difference to the lives of Australians both in WA and nationally.

The Centre is able to capitalise on Curtin University's reputation for excellence in economic modelling, forecasting, public policy research, trade and industrial economics and spatial sciences. Centre researchers have specific expertise in economic forecasting, quantitative modelling, micro-data analysis and economic and social policy evaluation. The Centre also derives great value from its close associations with experts from commercial, public service and not-for-profit organisations.

## ABOUT THE JOHN CURTIN INSTITUTE OF PUBLIC POLICY

The John Curtin Institute of Public Policy (JCIPP) was established by Curtin University of Technology in 2004 as an eminent body of public sector expertise through research, teaching and the generation of public discussion. The JCIPP is a peak body for research, education and discussion in public policy and administration. It represents a multi-disciplinary approach to addressing challenges in this area reflecting their complexity as well as the unique capacity of universities to play a key role in addressing them.

The JCIPP's mission is:

- To undertake high quality research of national and international significance on current and emerging public policy and governance issues
- To provide relevant, quality and contemporary education tailored to public sector professionals

To promote public debate and discussion on a range of current and emerging public policy issues

The JCIPP's research covers a number of key fields in public policy. Its recent research has focussed on:

- Federalism
- Rural and regional development, with a special emphasis on the social implications of the mining boom
- Energy and climate change
- Policy practice and service delivery, with a special focus on housing
- Science, innovation and technology policy
- Socio-economic policy and performance in Western Australia, with particular attention on labour markets and skill shortages.

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