



Australian Government

Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet

Establishing Australia's first Open Government Multistakeholder Forum

1-5pm, Wednesday, 17 May, 2017

Training Room, College of Surgeons

250-290 Spring St, East Melbourne VIC 3002

- The welcome and introduction, panel discussion, and report back and conclusion will be livestreamed from the [@pmc_gov_au Twitter account](#).
- Participants and users watching the livestream can have their say on Twitter using #OGPchat. Selected comments will appear on social screens at the venue and feed into discussions.

Background

[Australia's first Open Government National Action Plan](#), published in December 2016, contains 15 ambitious commitments to help ensure government is transparent, accountable and engaging.

But these commitments don't amount to much if we don't do what we say. Part of the process of driving and monitoring their implementation is to establish our first Open Government Multistakeholder Forum: a group that will allow government and the community to work closely together to make sure we realise the promise of our commitments.

Australia's first Multistakeholder Forum will make an important contribution to ensuring that Australia delivers on its Open Government commitments in a way that meets the community's expectations. It'll play an important role in ensuring that our next Open Government commitments are ambitious, relevant, and focussed. And it'll help raise awareness about open government. (For information about how Multistakeholder Forums have worked in other OGP countries, see the [OGP Support Unit's handbook](#).)

The process

The purpose of this workshop is to inform the Open Government Interim Working Group's recommendations to government on how the Multistakeholder Forum should be appointed, structured and run.

Specifically, it aims to generate ideas and options in response to each of the questions identified in the Interim Working Group's proposal on how the Multistakeholder Forum might work (available from <http://ogpau.pmc.gov.au/2017/05/01/establishing-australias-first-multistakeholder-forum-three-ways-have-your-say>).

The outcomes of the workshop will be considered by the Interim Working Group, along with any other feedback on its proposal, at its meeting on 18 May, and inform its recommendations to government.

Government will then decide on the Multistakeholder Forum Terms of Reference and administer a process to appoint members to the Forum. We expect this process to be completed by the end of June 2017.

Agenda

Time	Item	Responsible
1-1:15	Welcome and introduction	Facilitator
1:15-2:15	Panel discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction to the Open Government Partnership, the Multistakeholder Forum and the Interim Working Group • Summary of the Interim Working Group's proposal on how the Multistakeholder Forum might work • Summary of public feedback received so far, including identification of any areas of broad agreement • Outline of the process today and later to inform recommendations to government • Introductions of all participants, and reflections on consultations 	Facilitator and Interim Working Group Co-Chairs
2:15-2:45	Afternoon tea	-
2:45-3:30	Breakout discussion session 1, on different aspects of the Interim Working Group's proposal on how the Multistakeholder Forum might work: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Purpose • Structure • Ways of working • Appointment criteria • Appointment process • Forum engagement with broader community Quick report back from breakout discussions.	Discussion leaders
3:30-4:15	Breakout discussions session 2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Same topics as above 	Discussion leaders
4:15-5	Report back and conclusion	Facilitator and discussion leaders