

CAN WE CURB OUR GROWTH OBSESSION? - IS BIGGER ALWAYS BETTER?



11TH JULY (6:00PM – 7:30PM)

NEW INTERNATIONAL BOOKSHOP, TRADES HALL

Australia's Economy is centred on the belief that we need GDP & Population growth for prosperity. However, GDP tells us nothing about quality of life, and gives no regard to the depletion or degradation of natural resources.

This event will explore alternative (Non-GDP) models for progress from New Zealand and Costa Rica, and discuss the impacts of population growth on town planning and the threats of climate change.”

Presentations will be followed by a panel / Q&A session, and wine & cheese.

EVENT SPEAKERS

Kelvin Thompson (Event MC)

Kelvin is a former Federal Labor MP, and the President of Sustainable Population Australia (Vic/Tas). He is Passionate about the environment, and supports “population reform” to ensure a more sustainable future for Australia.

Mark Allen

Mark is an ex-town planner and environmental campaigner who co-founded population permaculture and planning and started the holistic activism movement.

Bronwyn Plarre

Bronwyn is “an activist who has worked with the Climate Guardians & Galilee Blockade among other groups.” She is an active member of Urban Coup, an organisation that is focussed on community based resilience.

Michael Bayliss

Michael is the Communications Manager for Sustainable Population Australia. He is a long term grassroots environmental activist, with a particular interest in post-growth societies.