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Reform Consolidation – issues for day two

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Consolidating Policy – Building Sustainability

Reforms at risk – what happens after major policy changes are enacted?

1. Lawmakers often don't oversee implementation
2. Implementers may not know or care about principles of the enactors
3. Good policy reforms often become eroded
4. What can be done to prevent erosion?
5. Do we sustain sub-optimal or even bad policy?



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Sustaining Reform in Practice – 4 Practical Case Studies

Enhancing policy integrity

1. The challenge in immigration policy
2. The difficulties in Indigenous policy
3. Our journey in tariff reform and innovation – past and future
4. Water policy management



2 Keynotes

1. Linking technologies to enhance reform – the possibilities of Web 2.0 (Helen Silver)
2. Building reform commitment over time and over different govts – the NZ experiences
3. (Hon. Bill English)



Implications for Public Service capabilities

- Three-way panel
 1. Government reaching out...
 2. Engagement and the community reaching in...
 3. Making sense of new governance requirements and possibilities



Solomon's verdict

- What has Australia's recent policy history taught us about how to design and deliver reform that makes a real difference
 - Paul Kelly (*The Australian*)

