

Policy Network Forum

Dr Pradeep Philip and Mr Paul Low
Associate Directors-General – The Department of the Premier and Cabinet
Supporting Decision Making: Building Queensland's Policy Backroom

About the Event

Queensland's public sector faces myriad policy challenges as it heads into the new decade. Not only will it have to address the wicked problem of balancing economic and population growth with liveability and sustainability within an environment of fiscal constraint, but it will also have to confront the complexities of negotiating and implementing the ambitious COAG reform agenda, including the outcomes of the Henry tax review. What policy skills will we need to support the decision making processes which are essential if Queensland is to successfully negotiate these challenges while continuing to deliver the services that citizens expect? How will Queensland public servants meet their obligation to ensure decision-makers receive high quality, innovative and responsive advice and options about policy and service delivery?

The Department of the Premier and Cabinet's outgoing Associate Director-General, Policy and Intergovernmental Relations, Dr Pradeep Philip and the new appointee, Paul Low, will reflect on the challenges ahead for Queensland and the skills and capabilities needed to confront them.

Event Details

Monday 1 February 2010

7.30 am: Registration and Refreshments
8.00 – 9.30 am: Presentation including Q & A

Venue: The Ship Inn Function Room
Room Level 2, Building S06
([see map](#)), entry via S07
Griffith University
Sidon Street, South Bank.

RSVP essential as places are strictly limited to Tracee McPate at t.mcpate@griffith.edu.au
or on 3735 4032.

This is a free event. Please advise of any dietary requirements on RSVP.

About Pradeep Philip

Pradeep has extensive experience in both state and Commonwealth government, most recently as Director of Policy in the Prime Minister's Office. He rejoined the department after previously heading up the Implementation Unit and later, providing leadership as Deputy Director-General, Policy.



Pradeep's initial role upon joining the bureaucracy was as an economist with the Federal Department of the Treasury. He also pursued an academic career, tutoring and lecturing at the University of Queensland, Griffith University and the Australian National University.

Pradeep holds a PhD in Economics from the University of Queensland. His thesis focused on economic growth, knowledge and technological change. Pradeep will be taking up a Deputy Secretary role in Victoria's Department of the Premier and Cabinet in early March 2010.

About Paul Low

Paul was appointed as Associate Director-General Employment and Economic Development in the Department of Employment, Economic Development and Innovation in August 2009.



Prior to being appointed to DEEDI, Paul was most recently Deputy Director-General Policy and Planning in the Department of Transport and Main Roads and prior to this Deputy Director-General (Planning and Infrastructure) with Queensland Transport.

Paul has qualifications in urban planning and has spent the past 18 years working in public and private sectors having worked for state and local government in Queensland, NSW and Western Australia, and held senior roles in the consulting sector as well as a large international infrastructure investor and operator.