

AUSTRALIAN POLITICAL EXCHANGE COUNCIL

THIRTIETH DELEGATION FROM THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

9 – 20 NOVEMBER 2013

Sydney, New South Wales

- Briefing by the Australian Electoral Commission
- Briefing by Mr Niels Marquardt, CEO, American Chamber of Commerce in Australia
- Briefing by Mr Brendon Lyon, Chief Executive, Infrastructure Partnerships Australia (New Zealand 2005)
- Lunch with former delegates Senator Mehmet Tillem (USA 2013), Mr Ben Franklin (USA 2012) and Mr Matthew Cross (USA 2013)
- Guided tour of the Sydney Opera House, arranged by Mr Matthew Cross (USA 2013)
- Guided tour of Taronga Zoo

Canberra, Australian Capital Territory

- Briefing on the Liberal Party of Australia by Mr Julian Sheezel, Deputy Federal Director, Liberal Party of Australia (Japan 2008, New Zealand 2011 and USA 2012)
- Briefing on The Nationals by Mr Scott Mitchell, Federal Director, The Nationals (USA 2000)
- Briefing on the Australian Greens by Senator Richard Di Natale, Senator for Victoria
- Briefing on the Australian Labor Party by Mr George Wright, National Secretary, Australian Labor Party, Council Member
- Briefing on parliamentary processes by Mr Bernard Wright, Clerk of the House of Representatives
- Meeting with Senator the Hon Jan McLucas, Shadow Minister for Housing and Homelessness, Senator for Queensland (USA 1994)
- Meeting with representatives from the Embassy of the United States of America
- Briefing by Mr Matthew Cossey, Chief Executive Officer (USA 2006) and Ms Jessica Lee, Manager, Public Affairs and Research, CropLife Australia
- Panel session conducted by the United States Embassy, chaired by the Australian National University. Topic - *2014 US Mid-term Elections*
- Briefing by Mr Mark Baker, Principal, Endeavour Consultancy (USA 2002)
- Meeting with the Hon Gary Gray AO MP, Shadow Minister for Resources, Federal Member for Brand (USA 1989)
- Briefing by Ms Marianne van Galen Dickie, Sub-Dean, Migration Law Program, Australian National University (China 1999)
- Meeting with the Hon Mark Butler MP, Shadow Minister for Environment, Climate Change and Water, Federal Member for Port Adelaide (China 2006)
- Council Luncheon hosted by Senator the Hon John Faulkner, Senator for New South Wales, Council Member. Guest included the Hon Kevin Andrews MP, Council Member (UK 2001)
- Question Time in the House of Representatives and the Senate
- Courtesy call on Senator the Hon John Hogg, President of the Senate, Patron of the Council
- Guided tour of Parliament House
- Guided tour of the Museum of Australian Democracy
- Dinner with former delegates Ms Emma Watts (USA 2012) and Ms Sallyann Innes (China 2010)
- Guided tour of the Australian War Memorial

Perth, Western Australia

- Briefing on state parliamentary and committee processes, Parliament of Western Australia

- Guided tour of the Parliament conducted by Mr Rohan Davis, Parliamentary Education Officer
- Luncheon hosted by the Hon Barry House MLC, President of the Legislative Council (USA 1992) and the Hon Michael Sutherland MLA, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly. Guests included the Hon Joseph Francis MLA (China 2010), the Hon Albert Jacob MLA (Philippines 2009), the Hon Simon O'Brien MLC (Japan 1999), the Hon Mark McGowan MLA (Japan 2001), the Hon Kate Doust MLC (New Zealand 2007), the Hon Michelle Roberts MLA (China 1998), the Hon Fran Logan MLA (South Korea 1995), the Hon Amber-Jade Sanderson MLC (USA 2011) and the Hon Ljiljana Ravlich MLC (Germany 2001)
- Question time in the Legislative Assembly and Legislative Council
- Meeting with the Hon Martin Aldridge MLC, Member for the Agricultural Region, Secretary to the Parliamentary National Party (India 2010), the Hon Brendon Grylls MLA, Minister for Regional Development; Lands, Leader of The Nationals WA (Japan 2004) and Ms Mia Davies MLA, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Regional Development; Lands (South Korea 2005)
- Briefing by Rio Tinto and guided tour of the operations centre
- Meeting with the Hon John Day MLA, Minister for Planning; Culture and the Arts, Leader of the House, State Member for Darling House (Japan 1996)
- Tour of the State Theatre Centre of Western Australia by Mr Brendon Ellmer, General Manager, State Theatre Centre of Western Australia
- Briefing by Mr Bruce Campbell-Fraser, Manager, Media and Public Affairs, Chamber of Minerals and Energy, Western Australia (USA 1997)
- Luncheon hosted by Senator Dean Smith, Senator for Western Australia (USA 1997, New Zealand 2012)
- Visit to Beaufort Street Community Festival
- Dinner at the residence of Ms Kylie Turner (USA 2013)
- Dinner with former delegates hosted by the Hon Melissa Parke MP, Shadow Assistant Minister for Health, Federal Member for Fremantle (Japan 2008 and India 2010). Guests included Mr Robert Reid (USA 2000), Mr Simon Mead (China 2012) and Mr Joshua Wilson
- Visit to the Perth Mint
- Visit to the Margaret River Chocolate Factory

Kalgoorlie-Boulder, Western Australia

- Briefing by Cr Ron Yuryevich, Mayor, City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder
- Luncheon hosted by Cr Ron Yuryevich, Mayor, City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder. Guests included Deputy Allan Pental, Cr Suzie Williams, Cr Mandy Reidy, Cr Gary Brown, Cr Beth Richardson, Cr Kyron O'Donnell, Mr Don Burnett, CEO, Mr Tony Chisholm, Director Community and Development Services, Mr Braden Fisher, Director Corporate Services, Mr Rob Radosevich, Director Engineering Services
- Private guided tour of the Super Pit Mine
- Briefing and tour of the Royal Flying Doctor Service
- Guided tour of the Western Australian Museum: Kalgoorlie-Boulder
- Visit to Mount Charlotte lookout
- Visit to Boulder Market Day