

AUSTRALIAN POLITICAL EXCHANGE COUNCIL

EIGHTEENTH DELEGATION FROM THE SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM

21 to 27 June 2014

Brisbane, Queensland

- Visit to Mt Coot-tha look-out
- Guided tour of Lone Pine Koala Sanctuary

Tweeds Heads, New South Wales

- Meeting with Mr Neil Baldwin, Manager Corporate Governance/Public Officer, Tweed Shire Council and Cr Warren Polglase, Former Mayor of Tweed, Vice President Tweed Business Chamber
- Lunch with Mr Neil Baldwin, Cr Warren Polglase and Mr Mathew Fraser, Former Federal Candidate for Richmond 2013 (Vietnam 2014)
- Briefing by Mr Robert Quirk, Chairman Tweed Canegrowers, Board Member of the Australian Cane Farmers Association, Director of Bonsucro
- Site visit to sugar cane farm
- Meeting with executive members of the Tweed Chamber of Commerce and Industry
- Meeting with Mr Geoff Provest MP, Parliamentary Secretary for Police and Emergency Services, State Member for Tweed
- Guided tour of Minjungbal Aboriginal Cultural Centre

Canberra, Australian Capital Territory

- Briefing by the Australian Electoral Commission
- Briefing on the Liberal Party of Australia by Mr Bruce Edwards, International Secretary, Liberal Party of Australia (Japan 1992)
- Briefing on the Australian Labor Party by Mr Nathan Lambert, A/g National Secretary, Australian Labor Party
- Luncheon hosted by His Excellency Mr Thanh Nghi Luong, Ambassador, Embassy of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam
- Briefing on The Nationals by Ms Kate Barwick (China 2008) and Mr Chris Daffey (Philippines 2014), Media Advisers, Office of the Hon Warren Truss MP, Deputy Prime Minister, Minister for Infrastructure and Regional Development, Federal Member for Wide Bay
- Meeting with Senator Cory Bernardi, Senator for South Australia (Vietnam 2014, Japan 2008)
- Meeting with Senator the Hon Michael Ronaldson, Minister for Veterans' Affairs, Minister Assisting the Prime Minister for the Centenary of ANZAC, Special Minister of State, Minister with portfolio responsibility for the exchange programme, Senator for Victoria (USA 1991)
- Meeting with the Hon Anthony Albanese MP, Shadow Minister for Tourism, Shadow Minister for Infrastructure and Transport, Federal Member for Grayndler (Vietnam 2007)
- Meeting with Dr Andrew Laming MP, Federal Member for Bowman (Philippines 2012, Vietnam 2010)
- Briefing on the Australian Greens by Senator Richard Di Natale, Senator for Victoria, Council Member
- Council Luncheon hosted by the Hon Alan Ferguson, Chairman of the Australian Political Exchange Council, joined by Council Members Senator the Hon John Faulkner and the Hon Kevin Andrews MP
- Observe Question Time in the Senate and House of Representatives Chambers

- Call on Senator the Hon John Hogg, President of the Senate, Patron of the Council
- Call on the Hon Bronwyn Bishop MP, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Patron of the Council
- Meeting with the Hon Gary Gray AO MP, Shadow Minister for Resources, Shadow Minister for Northern Australia, Shadow Special Minister of State, Federal Member for Brand (USA 1989)
- Dinner with former delegate Mr Ross Macdonald, Office of the Chief Government Whip (Vietnam 2014, South Korea 2012)

Sydney, New South Wales

- Meeting with the Hon Luke Foley MLC, Shadow Minister for the Environment and Climate Change, Shadow Minister for Planning and Infrastructure, Leader of the Opposition in the Legislative Council (UK 2005)
- Briefing by Mr Steven Reynolds, Deputy Clerk, Legislative Council and Mr Les Gonye, Clerk Assistant-Table and Serjeant-at-Arms, Legislative Assembly, Parliament of New South Wales
- Working lunch hosted by the Hon Don Harwin MLC, President of the Legislative Council and the Hon Thomas George MP, Deputy Speaker of the Legislative Assembly
- Tour of the Parliament of New South Wales
- Guided tour of the Sydney Opera House