

PIA QLD State Conference



The theme of the 2010 Queensland State Planning Conference is Utopia - /u-to'-pi-a/ n. - a place or state of ideal perfection, from the Greek meaning either 'a good place' or 'no place'.

Deliberately provocative, this theme refers not only to the setting and venue for this year's conference (which could well be considered utopian) but also to the aspirations of planners and related practitioners in seeking to find, create or even just visit utopia.

At the end of the first decade of the 21st century and at a time of seemingly great global economic, social and environmental uncertainty it is tempting to think that utopia is further away than ever. But is this so? And if it is, can we do anything about it? Are we idealists or do we need to be realists? Is utopia a state that can be achieved or a place of non-existence?

How can we create utopian outcomes...

- Are population limits an answer to overpopulation and resource depletion?
- Will we be able to afford the infrastructure required to accommodate future population growth?
- Can we rise to the challenges of climate change to create resilient and adaptable communities?
- What is the future for our rural towns and agricultural sector?
- What does a carbon neutral economy look like anyway?
- Is it possible to develop efficient public transport in Australian cities and regional areas?

The conference theme includes three streams relating to **people**, **places** and **productivity** which are intended to provide a framework for further considering the pursuit of utopia and the questions posed above.

'People' refers to the way in which we interact with each other and seek to satisfy our fundamental emotional and spiritual needs.

'Places' refers to the way in which we interact with natural and urban environments and create spaces in which to live, work, socialise and recreate.

'Productivity' refers to the way in which we produce food, generate wealth and prosperity, move around and organise our political and economic systems.

Papers are now invited addressing these issues and themes.

PEOPLE	PLACES	PRODUCTIVITY
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Carrying capacity and population caps.• Sustainable communities.• Affordable living.• Community partnerships.• Local people in regional planning.• Natural disaster and pandemic mitigation.• Cultural heritage.• Planners managing planners.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Creating vital places.• Master planning.• Transit oriented development.• Open spaces.• Climate change strategies.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• After the GFC.• The low carbon economy.• Infrastructure funding and delivery.• Public transport systems.• Sustainable rural futures.• New technologies in planning.• Governance/decision making

This year the program allows for 18 papers and we invite you to submit an abstract for presentation at the 2010 conference. Abstracts are not limited to the suggested themes above. Papers that are thought provoking, creative, relevant and seek to stimulate delegate's interest throughout the conference program are highly encouraged.

- Papers = 25 minutes + 5 minutes questions.
- Abstracts for papers due **1 June**.
- Acceptances will be notified 30 June.
- Full paper due **27 July** for refereed, **7 September** un-refereed.
- PowerPoint presentation due **12 October**.

In submitting an abstract, you are agreeing to provide all material outlined above and by due dates if your abstract is accepted.

DIRECTIONS FOR SUBMITTING ABSTRACTS	Due 1 June 2010
Abstract to be in Word format (not .pdf) and include:-	
<ol style="list-style-type: none">Title.Author name(s).PIA membership grade (if a PIA member).Affiliations.Contact details: Addresses, phone numbers, fax numbers, and email addresses.Whether the submission is refereed or non-refereed (refereed papers are academic papers).3-4 line description for promotional purposes.Audio visual requirements.Confirmation of who will present the paper if accepted.Approximately 150 word abstract text for use in Conference Program (note: Abstract to be no more than one A4 page).	
DIRECTIONS FOR SUBMITTING PAPERS (for accepted proposals)	Due 27 July 2010 (refereed) Due 7 September 2010 (non-refereed)
<ol style="list-style-type: none">Cover page as per a-f above.Provide an electronic copy of the paper to kaye.mills@qldplanning.org.au in word format.Paper to be no more than 500 words.If the paper is to be refereed, there will be a blind review, therefore names of the authors and their institutions, addresses, and telephone numbers should not be revealed on your paper – these details are on cover page only.	
DIRECTIONS FOR SUBMITTING POWERPOINT	Due 12 October 2010
<ol style="list-style-type: none">Provide an electronic copy to kaye.mills@qldplanning.org.au (if over 5MB post to the address below).PowerPoint presentation to be no more than 10-12 slides including graphics.	

All proposals should be submitted to PIA 2010 STATE CONFERENCE:-

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