SYMPOSIUM

Evidence-based Policymaking:
Can we improve the impact of research?

Wednesday, 4 December 2013

This symposium is aimed at generating a wider discussion on research impacts and research relevance.

**Time:** 10am – 3pm
**Location:** Room 116, Sir Llew Edwards Building (Bldg 14), St Lucia campus, University of Queensland: [http://www.uq.edu.au/maps/?id=280](http://www.uq.edu.au/maps/?id=280)

**Program**

9.30 – 10.00 am: *Arrival and coffee/tea*

10.00 – 10.10 am: Official welcome – **Professor Deborah Terry**, Senior Deputy Vice-Chancellor, UQ; President, Academy of the Social Sciences in Australia

10.10 – 10.45 am: Project summary and key findings – **Professor Brian Head**

10.45 – 11.35 am: **PANEL ONE: Research partnerships**

What works well and what doesn’t? – Examples from both academic and policy perspectives. The significance of key factors: trust and reputation; aligning priorities and expectations; and timeliness and timelines.

**Chair:** Dr Adrian Cherney (School of Social Science, UQ)

**Panelists:**
- Professor Karen Healy (School of Social Work & Human Services, UQ)
- Professor Anna Stewart (School of Criminology & Criminal Justice, Griffith University)
- Dr Mark Lynch (formerly Qld Department of the Premier & Cabinet/QCSSI; School of Behavioural, Cognitive & Social Sciences, UNE)
- Ms Linda Apelt (former Director-General, Department of Communities, QLD; Institute for Social Science Research, UQ)
11.35 – 11.50am:   Break

11.50am – 12.40pm:  **PANEL TWO: Policy-makers and research uptake**
What types of expertise do policy-makers turn to and most value? How do they access research? What are the factors that increase the use of research?

Chair:  **Professor Brian Head** (*Institute for Social Science Research, UQ*)

Panelists:
- Ms Dawn Schofield (*Queensland Health*)
- Dr Alex Dordevic (*Department of Human Services, VIC*)
- Ms Sally Pritchard (*The Australian Bureau of Statistics*)
- Dr John Dungan (*Department of Education, Training & Employment, QLD*)

12.40 – 1.30 pm:  Lunch, provided

1.30 – 2.40pm:   **PANEL THREE: Improving research uptake and impact – future directions.**
The future of research / the policy process / methods to optimise research impact. What should academics and policy makers do better in areas including: knowledge translation; skills development; forums for interactions; funding; and understanding different types of impacts?

Chair:  **Professor Paul Boreham** (*Institute for Social Science Research, UQ*)

Panelists:
- Professor Mark Western (*Director, Institute for Social Science Research, UQ*)
- Professor Wayne Hall (*Deputy Director (Policy), UQ Centre for Clinical Research*)
- Dr Kate Liley (*formerly Communities Qld; Goodstart Early Learning*)
- Ms Monica Pfeffer (*formerly Department of Human Services, VIC; Australia and New Zealand School of Government*)

2.45 – 3pm:  Thanks and Conclusion of Symposium

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