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MEDIA ALERT

Planners to Collaborate on Managing Growth

Queensland Planning professionals challenged by population growth will hear the latest population statistics and growth projections for the state at a seminar in Brisbane on Monday.

The Growth Seminar hosted by The Planning Institute of Australia (PIA) Queensland Division will hear from local and international speakers ahead of Premier Anna Bligh's Growth Summit to be held at the end of March.

PIA Queensland Vice President Jenny Roughan said planners from both the private and public sectors will be able to examine the scope of the challenge presented by significant and sustained population growth.

"Among the speakers will be Queensland Treasury's own expert statistician Ross Barker who will have the very latest facts and figures on growth. I would say there is probably no one more in touch with demography and population forecasting in Queensland than Ross and I look forward to hearing what he has to say," Ms Roughan said.

The PIA Growth Seminar will also hear from international expert on planning, marketing and sustainable urban design, Demetri Baches from the United States. Mr Baches company Duany Platen-Zyberk & Co (DPZ Pacific) is highly regarded world wide for it's ability to strategically introduce alternative models for development.

"DPZ Pacific has a reputation for being able to think outside the square when it comes to urban design and sustainable development. Mr Baches will be looking at the current issues we face here and challenge us with approaches that have been pursued elsewhere in the Pacific Rim," she said.

The seminar will also hear from well known Queensland planner who was the leader of regional plan making in South East Queensland Michael Kerry.

"This seminar will provide some insight into how growth issues are dealt with overseas and help planners here collaborate on the tools needed to plan for continuing population growth in Queensland.

"There's no doubt managing growth requires good planning. Our planners here are well aware of the potential implications of growth and the leadership and insight that will be needed to respond to it. The seminar will provide an important opportunity for planners from a range of areas and background to discuss the many dimensions of the growth challenge and how to deal with it."

- What:** The Planning Institute of Australia Growth Seminar
- Where:** The Greek Club 29/31 Edmondstone St South Brisbane QLD 4101
- When:** Monday March 22 1.30 pm to 4.00pm
- Interviews:** PIA Queensland Vice Presidents Jenny Roughan and Greg Tupicoff
International Urban Design and Development expert Demetri Baches

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