

Howard Government Retrospective Conference IV

“The Desire for Change: 2004-2007”

18-19 November 2019

National Press Club, Canberra

Monday 18 November

1100	Welcome	Professor Michael Frater FTSE
1110	The Fourth Howard Government: setting the scene	Professor Tom Frame AM

Session 1 Public opinion and the political mood

1130	October 2004: the campaign that really mattered	Em Professor Murray Goot
1210	The Challenge of Opposition	Hon. Michael Danby

1250 *Lunch*

Session 2 Interacting with a changing world

1330	Sponsor presentation – AT Kearney	
1340	The Howard Government: a pictorial review	Ms Liz Luchetti
1400	The ‘continuing work’ of industrial relations	A/Professor Shaun Carney
1435	The challenge of restrained law-making in response to unrestrained terror	Dr Nicola McGarrity

1500 *Afternoon tea*

Session 3 Institutional challenges

1525	Commonwealth-State relations	Ms Kate Carnell AO
1605	Controlling the Senate	Professor John Uhr
1700	Book Launch <i>Trials and Tribulations, Howard Government, Vol. 3, 2002-2004</i>	Em. Professor John Niland AC

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Session 4 Portfolio matters

0905	Indigenous affairs and the NT intervention	Professor Tim Rowse
0940	Natural resources	Mr Roger Beale AO
1015	International affairs	Hon. Alexander Downer AC

1055 *Morning Tea*

Session 5 New challenges

1115	Warm hearts or soft heads? Social policy options	Mr Patrick McClure AO
1150	The rise of the Greens	Dr Zareh Ghazarian

1225 *Lunch*

1300	The Howard Years: A cartoonist's view	Mr Warren Brown
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Session 6 The beginning of the end

1325	Panel discussion: the view from the electorates	Hon. Gary Nairn AO, Kay Elson, Phil Barresi
1405	The succession that wasn't	Professor Tom Frame

1430 *Afternoon Tea*

Session 7 Legacies

1445	John Howard: conservative or liberal?	Professor Gregory Melliush
1520	The Howard Government and its advisers	Dr Maria Maley
1555	Prepared for Opposition?	Dr Marija Taflaga

Session 8 Closing Reflections

1630	Managing the transition	Hon. John Howard OM, AC
1650	Concluding remarks	Professor Tom Frame