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SESSION TIME THURSDAY 12 AUGUST 2004

12:30 – 13:30 Registration – Ballroom 2 Foyer

1 13:30 – 14:00 Welcome Address
Ballroom 2 Strategic Setting: Common Future
 Alan Oxley, Chairman, Australian APEC Study Centre (Chair)
 Dr Ashton Calvert AC, Secretary, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade

2 14:00 – 14:40 Key Issues for an FTA
Ballroom 2
 Hon Warwick Smith, National President, Australia China Business Council & Executive Director, Macquarie Bank (Chair)
 Fu Chengyu, President, China National Offshore Oil Corporation, Beijing
 Hugh Morgan AC, President, Business Council of Australia

3 14:40 – 15:30 Australia China Economic Directions
Ballroom 2
 Ken Waller, Economic Adviser, Commonwealth Bank of Australia (Chair)
 Dr Ken Henry, Secretary, Commonwealth Treasury
 – **Long term trends in the Australian economy**
 Hongbin Qu, China Economist, HSBC Hong Kong (Sponsored by HSBC)
 – **Long term trends in China's economy**
 Alan Oxley, Chairman, Australian APEC Study Centre
 – **Patterns in trade and investment between China and Australia**

15:30 – 15:50 Afternoon Tea – Ballroom 2 Foyer

4 15:50 – 16:40 Trade Policy Issues
Ballroom 2
 Rowan Callick, Asia Pacific Editor, Australian Financial Review, (Chair)
 Professor Yu Yongding, Director, Institute of World Economics and Politics, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, Beijing
 Denny Mooney, Managing Director, Holden Limited
 Graeme Thomson, Former Australian negotiator with China over WTO accession

5 16:40 – 17:30 Political Dimensions
Ballroom 2
 John McKay, Director, Australian APEC Study Centre (Chair)
 HE Madam Fu Ying, Ambassador, People's Republic of China to Australia
 Dr Alan Dupont, Senior Fellow, Lowy Institute for International Policy, Sydney
 Paul Kelly, International Editor, The Australian

17:30 – 18:45 Break

DINNER 18:45 for Conference Dinner
19:00 – 21:30 Theme: Australia China Economic Partnership
Ballroom 2
 Long Yongtu, Secretary General, Boao Forum for Asia, Beijing
 Kathryn Fagg, President, Market and Logistics Solutions, Bluescope Steel

1	09:00 – 09:30 Ballroom 2	Keynote Address The Hon Alexander Downer MP, Minister for Foreign Affairs
2a	09:35 – 10:35 Winten/Teale Room	Agriculture (Sponsored by the Australian Wheat Board) Peter Gallagher, Inquit – Trade Implications Vivek Tulpulé, Deputy Executive Director, ABARE – Trends in Chinese Agriculture Dr Len Stephens, CEO, Australian Wool Innovation Ltd. – The Future of Fibre
2b	09:35 – 10:35 Ballroom 2	Market Entry Strategies into China Larry Ma, Associate Director and Team Leader, PriceWaterhouseCoopers China's Transaction Services Group, Beijing (Sponsored by PriceWaterhouseCoopers) Brian Pilbeam, President, Telstra Asia David Hawes, Head of Government and International Relations, Qantas Airways Limited
3a	10:40 – 11:20 Winten/Teale Room	Legal Systems & Business Environment Bill O'Shea, formerly with Hunt & Hunt Shanghai Ian McCubbin, National Leader, China Business Group, Deacons
3b	10:40 – 11:20 Ballroom 2	Manufacturing Heather Ridout, CEO, Australian Industry Group Long Yongtu, Secretary General, Boao Forum for Asia, Beijing
	11:20 – 11:35	Morning Tea – Ballroom 2 Foyer
4a	11:35 – 12:25 Holmes Room	Resources (Sponsored by Rio Tinto) Mitchell H. Hooke, Chief Executive, Minerals Council of Australia (Chair) Charlie Lenegan, Managing Director, Rio Tinto Fu Chengyu, President, China National Offshore Oil Corporation, Beijing Chen Haoran, Chairman, China Chamber of Commerce for Metals, Minerals and Chemicals Importers and Exporters, Beijing
4b	11:35 – 12:25 Winten/Teale Room	Financial Systems (Sponsored by Macquarie) Dr Zhu Min, Executive Assistant President, Bank of China, Beijing Gary Turner, Executive General Manager, International Finance Services, Commonwealth Bank of Australia
5a	12:30 – 13:10 Holmes Room	Anti Dumping – Market Economy Status (Sponsored by Rio Tinto) Daniel Moulis, Freehills Andrew Stoler, Executive Director, IIBE & L, University of Adelaide
5b	12:30 – 13:10 Winten/Teale Room	Foreign Investment (Sponsored by Macquarie) Dr John Edwards, HSBC Bank Australia Alex Erskine, Director, Erskinomics Consulting Pty Ltd

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LUNCH	13:10 – 14:25 Ballroom 2	Lunch – Keynote Address (Sponsored by Kingold Australia) The Hon Mark Vaile MP, Minister for Trade
6	14:30 – 15:30 Winten/Teale Room	EXPERT PANEL What would be the benefits of an FTA? What is the balance of advantage between China and Australia? Dr Geoff Raby, Deputy Secretary, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (Chair) Professor Yu Yongding, Director, Institute of World Economics and Politics, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, Beijing Long Yongtu, Secretary General, Boao Forum for Asia, Beijing Andrew Stoler, Executive Director, IIBE & L, University of Adelaide
7	15:35 – 16:05 Ballroom 2	Labor Perspectives Senator Stephen Conroy, Shadow Minister for Trade
8	16:10 – 16:25 Ballroom 2	SUMMARY Conference Messages for the Australia China FTA Scoping Study Alan Oxley, Chairman, Australian APEC Study Centre
9	16:30 – 17:00 Ballroom 2	CLOSING SESSION Future Directions Dr Ashton Calvert AC, Secretary, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade

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