

School of Management and Marketing
Seminar Notice

TITLE : **A Practitioner's View of Public Private Partnerships in Australia**

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BIOGRAPHY

Hugh Funder works with the investment bank ABN AMRO, primarily focussed on Public Private Partnerships in Australia. Hugh has previously worked in the public sector as an adviser and chief of staff to Victorian and Commonwealth ministers, with Amnesty International and with the International Organization for Migration. He holds a B.A. from the University of Melbourne, an MPP from Georgetown University and an MBA from Sciences Po Paris (l'Institute de'Etudes Politiques de Paris).

DAY/DATE : **Wednesday, 23 May 2007**

TIME : 12.30-1.30p.m.

VENUE : 40.131

ABSTRACT

Public Private Partnerships (PPP) have been used by a number of Governments in Australia to procure a range of economic and social infrastructure and various elements of associated services. The drivers and obstacles to PPP procurement are fairly consistent across Australian jurisdictions though their weights can differ. At base, both the drivers and obstacles generally reflect the different organisational structures and incentives of the public and private sectors. There is good evidence that harnessing private finance disciplines through PPP can achieve significant better value-for-money for Governments. The literature on optimism bias (delusion) and strategic misrepresentation (deception) is a useful starting point when comparatively analysing major infrastructure procurement.

Lunch will be provided.

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