

# PROPOSAL FOR NON-EXECUTIVE MEMBER TO UNDERTAKE "STUDY TRAVEL" (Updated Nov 08)

The relevant Remuneration Tribunal Determination (copied overleaf) provides non-Executive Members with an entitlement to financial assistance for the purposes of studies and investigations ("study travel") as well as an accompanied travel entitlement when travelling on Assembly Business.

Consistent with the requirements of the Determination and the Assembly's **Guidelines for non-Executive Members' Travel**, a non-Executive Member proposing to utilise this entitlement is required to submit certain details of their proposal to the Speaker for approval. Non-Executive Members should complete the following details to address these requirements.

**Members should note that approval to utilise this entitlement cannot be sought retrospectively.**

## Mr Speaker

I am proposing to utilise my "study travel" entitlement and seek your approval accordingly. To enable you to consider my proposal, the following details are provided:

Brief Description of the Proposed Activity (including the purpose of the journey/activity and details of any conferences to be attended or training to be undertaken):

I will be attending the 14th Annual Conference of Parliamentary Public Works and Environment Committees from Wednesday 21 October to Friday 23 October inclusive. This is in Hobart. I will fly to Hobart on Saturday 17 October for private travel. If I was to only attend the conference I would have to travel to Hobart on Tuesday 20 October.

After the conference I will attend the Green New Deal Conference in Melbourne on Saturday 24 October and Sunday 25 October. I will return to Canberra on Monday 26 October.

Detailed itinerary (including dates and times) of the places to be visited/activity to be undertaken: .....

My proposed trip has 3 elements – private travel Saturday 17 Oct – Monday 19 October.  
Attendance at 14th Annual Conference of Parliamentary Public Works and Environment Committees – this travel has been approved by the speaker for the Planning committee - Tuesday 18 October (this would be travel day as you cannot fly from Canberra to Hobart early enough in the morning) to Friday 23 October.  
Study travel – Green New Deal Conference Saturday 24 October to Monday 26 October.

Estimated Cost of Activity - 2 days TA - \$260 and conference fees of \$175.....  
(cost should include fares, travelling allowances, conference fees and other training expenses)

The airfares I have committed to are:

Melbourne to Canberra 8:30 am Virgin 26 October \$175.00

I am unsure what costs should come out of my study allowance at this stage. I will have private accommodation in Melbourne.

I have confirmed with the Secretariat's Corporate Services Office that I have \$ 20,797.67 \_\_\_\_ available/remaining of my "study travel" entitlement.

I understand that, if the proposal is approved, I will submit to you, within eight weeks of completing the activity, a written report detailing the travel undertaken and expenses incurred (including any reimbursement received for nominee accompanied travel), names and area of responsibility of persons contacted, a summary of business undertaken, and, in relation to any approved training undertaken, a report on that training.

Caroline LeCouteur  
Member's Name

Caroline LeCouteur  
Signature 13/9/09

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APPROVED/ NOT APPROVED

Speaker

# REPORTS ON MEMBER'S STUDY TRIPS

(Version 2.2- December 02)

## STUDY TRIP REPORT

Name: Caroline Le Couteur

Purpose of Visit: Visit Green New Deal Conference in Melbourne

Places visited and dates of visit: Visit Green New Deal Conference in Melbourne on 24 and 25 October 2009

Expenses incurred (including any reimbursement received for spouse accompanied travel):  
ex GST total cost of the event:

Airfares: \$159.09

TA: \$405

Transfers: 36.50 (Committee)

Conference Fees \$159.09

Organisation(s) and individuals visited:

Green New Deal Conference

Area of responsibility of persons contacted:

Various economists and other thinkers about economics, community development, industrial development and greening our economy.

Business undertaken:

The conference began with a video link from the UK for the Keynote speech by Prof Tim Jackson, author of the groundbreaking report for the UK Sustainability Commission *Prosperity Without Growth*. He had some interesting comments at the questions in the end about how most councils that put there efforts into new high tech developments had failed.

After that there was a series of workshops, presentations and large and small discussions. Each of the two days had a forum discussion. The first day had

Cheryl Buchanan

Iain McGill

Georgia Miller

Lin Hatfield Dodds

Mark Lister

Dean Mighell

Amanda Lohrey

The second day had

Steve Keen  
Christine Milne  
Hendro Sangkoyo  
Joan Staples  
Jake Wishart  
Amanda Lohrey

I was hoping for a conference manifesto in the last session but there wasn't. All the groups just reported back on issues but no conclusion.

It was good to talk to other people trying to do similar things to what we are trying to do here in the ACT.

**Conclusions and/or recommendations:**

There is no magic bullet answer, there needs to be lots of big and small things for incremental change.

Signed:

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Date: 15/12/09