

# Invitation

## Reshaping Innovation Policy

### an international expert view from Professor Alan Hughes of the University of Cambridge

The Australian Business Foundation is hosting a forum with leading international researcher and government advisor Professor Alan Hughes in conjunction with the Australian Government's Review of the National Innovation System.

The Review was announced by Senator Kim Carr, the Minister for Innovation, Industry, Science and Research in January and will report to the Government by 31 July 2008. Professor Alan Hughes is one of a team of international experts on innovation advising the Review's Panel of experts, led by Dr Terry Cutler.

Professor Hughes will share his analysis of how an innovation systems approach can reshape innovation policy. He will recognise the distinctive role of innovation in services, and reflect on recent transformations in productivity in Australia and other countries.

Professor Hughes will discuss:

- his recent analysis of the acceleration of Australia's productivity growth commissioned by the Australian Business Foundation, *The Contribution of Services and Other Sectors to Australia's Productivity Growth, 1980 – 2004*;
- latest advances in the empirical and conceptual analysis of innovation policy;
- the role of the science base in innovation; and
- the promotion of effective business-university collaboration and other links.

**Professor Alan Hughes** is Director of the Centre for Business Research and Margaret Thatcher Professor of Enterprise Studies at the Judge Business School at the University of Cambridge.

Professor Hughes is a sought-after policy adviser and consultant to influential bodies such as the Bank of England, HM Treasury, Eurostat, the International Labour Organisation, UK Department of Trade and Industry, National Consumer Council and UN World Institute for Development Economic Research.

He has been Director of a joint venture between MIT and the University of Cambridge and has held visiting Professorships in the USA, France and Australia. His research interests, in which he is widely published, concern industrial and technology policy; SME's; the measurement of innovation; corporate governance, takeovers, organisation and performance; and evaluation of industrial and business support policy.

In 2004, Professor Hughes was appointed by the UK Prime Minister to the Council for Science and Technology.

<b>Time:</b>	5pm for 5.30pm – 7.30pm	<b>Cost:</b>	Member: \$44 Non-member: \$66 (refreshments included)
<b>When:</b>	Thursday, 10 April 2008	<b>Where:</b>	Department of State and Regional Development, Level 47, MLC Centre, Martin Place, Sydney.
<b>RSVP:</b> Please fill in the attached registration form and return it to Melissa Doyle by: Fax: 02 9929 0193 or Email: <a href="mailto:melissa.doyle@abfoundation.com.au">melissa.doyle@abfoundation.com.au</a> or Phone: 02 9458 7553 by Tuesday 8 April 2008.			

