

Next

The Future of Australia's Security Thinking: By Australia's Future Strategic Leaders

CALL FOR SPEAKER APPLICATIONS

SUBMISSIONS DUE 30 May 2019

Date for *Next*.

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Palace Electric Cinemas - Canberra, Australia

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The Voices & Ideas of Australia's Future Strategic Leaders. Loud. Strong. Making A Difference.



What is Next?

Next is a forum for future strategic leaders to share their forward-thinking ideas for next-generation national security. **It's your opportunity to influence the future of Australia's national security.** *Next* provides you the platform to present a six-minute burst of fresh ideas, insights and thoughts to a high-powered audience of Defence and national security leaders, including current and former service chiefs, departmental and agency leaders, leading academics, and think-tank executives.

It's the kind of audience that normally has the podium. This time, it's you – and they're listening to what you have to say.

Why Next?

Australia's security sector is vital to ensuring future national and regional security and prosperity. Yet the sector faces many challenges, as well as opportunities. *Next* is a unique forum for posing new ideas and thinking on the role of Australia's national security sector. This includes defence, government, academia, industry and national security organisations. *Next* appeals to the whole gamut of professionals engaged in this space, from government, scientists, and business professionals, to security leaders, policy-makers, and economists.

What type of format is Next?

Next runs for one hour, with six presenters delivering strictly six-minute bursts. Expect a diverse audience – many of them high-ranking national security and government leaders, as well as academics, students, and interested members of the public. And it's not a six-minute 'data-dump' or sloppy-slide-show.

Talks are to be engaging, edgy, and passionate, and should argue a specific point or position. A future focus is ideal. Controversial ideas and / or positions are welcomed, so long as they are well argued. Whilst there won't be a Q&A session, the presentations will be followed by a networking event, so be ready to defend your position to Australia's national security and industry leaders.



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What specifically could I talk about?

We're looking for new, original ideas and perspectives around the theme of next-generation national security. This includes, but is not limited to insightful perspectives on operations or policy, or fresh ideas on the application of cutting edge developments in academia or industry.

Is the event classified?

As the event is a public forum, all content must be unclassified. Also, make sure you have permission (if required) to speak. We are able to introduce you as an individual in the program, so as not to identify an employer if requested.

Will I own the IP of my presentation?

The IFRS will not require, as a condition of speaking, that you hand over IP ownership of your presentation and ideas, although we might invite you to make a contribution to one of our other publications which is then subject to the requirements of that particular publication. However, make sure they are your ideas, and that you haven't plagiarised anyone, and that you have rights/permission to use any third-party images or content in a public domain.

What's the process?

It's a two stage process, and it starts by filling out the application form online which contains specific prompts including what you are going to talk about, how it fits the ethos of *Next*, and a bit about yourself. During the application you also submit a two-page C.V.

Applications close 30 May 2019.

The Selection Team, made up of IFRS personnel, then assess your application. If it's successful, it will go through to the next stage, which is an invitation to present your six-minute pitch to the team, sometime around mid-June. From there, a final decision will be made about who will take the stage at *Next* in July 2019.

If successful, you will be invited to attend an Innovation Workshop facilitated by ThinkPlace on 11 July to workshop your presentation.

Where do I apply?

www.ifrs.org.au/events

Questions?

If you have any questions email us at next@ifrs.org.au or call us on +61 (0)2 6295 1555.

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