

MEDIA ALERT

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All media materials are posted [here](#) or available on request.

Media are welcome to attend online – please contact Cathy to register.

RESILIENCE IN A TIME OF UNCERTAINTY

At a time in Australia when climate change, agriculture, energy, water and environment policies are all at the top of the debate agenda, leading economists from around Australia and the world will meet virtually (7-11 February) for the 66th Annual Conference of the Australasian Agricultural and Resource Economics Society (AARES). AARES is the pre-eminent society promoting research and tertiary education relevant to Australasia in agricultural, environmental, food, and resource economics and agribusiness.

The conference theme is *Resilience in a Time of Uncertainty*, and it aims to promote interest in and understanding of the current economic issues affecting primary industries, resources and the environment.

Distinguished [international and keynote speakers](#) at the event, and their presentation topics include:

- **Prof Johan Swinnen**, Director General of the eminent Washington-based International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI), addressing *Transforming Food Systems Post COVID-19*
- **Professor Elizabeth Robinson**, Director of the Grantham Research Institute on Climate Change and the Environment at the London School of Economics, addressing *Climate Change and Health*
- **Professor Will Masters**, Professor of Food Economics and Policy in the Friedman School of Nutrition and the Department of Economics at Tufts University in Boston on *Food Policy, Prices and Nutrition*
- **Professor Anita Wreford** at the Agribusiness and Economics Research Unit at Lincoln University will address *Adapting to Climate Change in an Uncertain Future*
- **Dr Svetlana Edmeades**, Senior Agriculture Economist in the Europe and Central Asia Region of the World Bank will address *Green, Resilient and Inclusive Agriculture: Walking the Talk*
- Professor **Barry Goodwin**, William Neal Reynolds Distinguished Professor, Department of Agricultural Economics and Graduate Alumni Distinguished Professor, Department of Economics at North Carolina State University on *The Evolving Nature of Seasonality in Meat Demand*
- **Professor Paul Burke**, Head of the Arndt-Corden Department of Economics, Crawford School of Public Policy, ANU will address *Australia's Potential to Supply Zero-Carbon Energy to the Asia-Pacific*

In addition to these keynote presentations, there are over 120 contributed papers across a broad range of energy, agriculture, development and environment issues. The full contributed paper program is available [here](#).

Speakers will be available for interview from 7-11 February.