

Notice of FY 13/14 Annual General Meeting



Save Our Suburbs Inc (Vic) will hold its 2014 AGM on Sunday 16th November 2014 at 2:30pm; Ground floor meeting room, Ross House, 247-251 Flinders Lane Melbourne 3000

Followed at 3.00pm by **GUEST SPEAKER**

Professor Brendan Gleeson

Professor of Urban Policy Studies and Director of the Melbourne Sustainable Society Institute at Melbourne University

Professor Gleeson has researched and written extensively on the wellbeing of our cities and suburbs and the political, social, economic and environmental trends shaping Australia. Modern capitalist society has provided our present high standard of living but now also brings challenges and threats, especially climate change, resource depletion, social division and economic insecurity.

So how can we plan for a more resilient city designed to meet these challenges and maintain our residential amenity within sustainable limits? Economic and population growth cannot continue indefinitely – what sort of political, social and economic system might we need to move towards?

In Victoria, the State Government has introduced a raft of new planning policies, including new zones, a new central Metropolitan Planning Authority, and a new planning blueprint called Plan Melbourne. The Government and the Planning Minister have also made a lot of controversial town planning decisions, including the East-West Link and permits for an unprecedented number of new skyscrapers in the city that challenge current height and amenity guidelines.

Is our planning system on the right track? If not, how do we change direction? Should we build more higher-density dwellings in our suburbs or could better metro-wide public transport help make our outer suburbs more sustainable? Should we cater for more self-sufficiency in energy, water and food? And how could the community play more of a role in these issues?

Come and hear Professor Gleeson discuss these issues and answer questions from the floor.....

Refreshments will be served after the meeting

At this AGM, SOS will

- Confirm the minutes of the last preceding annual general meeting;
- Receive a report from the Committee on transactions of SOS during the last financial year
- Consider the statement submitted by the Association under section 30(3) of the Act.
- Elect officers of the Association and the ordinary members of the Committee:

NB: The President and up to four ordinary committee members will be elected at this AGM. Only SOS members financial until 30 June 2014 or later are eligible to vote.

Proxies: If you are a financial member unable to attend the AGM and wish another financial member to act on your behalf, please complete the Proxy form on the back of this notice and send it to the Secretary in the return envelope provided by **3pm, Thursday November 13th, 2014**. Proxies will be available for inspection before the meeting.

Nominations for the committee must:

- be made in writing by a current financial member, signed by two other financial members of the Association and accompanied by the written consent of the candidate (which may be endorsed on the form of nomination); and
- be delivered to the Secretary of the Association not less than **seven days** before the date fixed for the holding of the annual general meeting (ie **before November 9th, 2014**).

A **nomination form** can be downloaded from our website (see under "Notice of 2014 AGM" at www.sos.asn.au), but any format is acceptable as long as it contains the required information. Any candidate statements will be posted on the SOS web site (please email well beforehand to sos@sos.asn.au). Candidates should send nominations to:

The Secretary, Save our Suburbs, PO Box 5042, Melbourne 3001

David Rayson, Secretary, Save Our Suburbs