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AUSTRALIA’S NUCLEAR PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE

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Dr. Hubbard will discuss how Australia is going about the process of energy policy reform in the context of low carbon emission options, and how Australia regards nuclear power as a part of that debate, and as part of the future national power equation. He will also comment on other vital nuclear security considerations beyond energy security, the Australian, Canadian and global fissile materials physical security and diversion issue.

He will introduce the topic using an account of Australia's nuclear affairs in broad constitutional, political, environmental, economic and security terms. This will include such matters as: an overview of Australia's experiences and policy history in uranium mining and exploration; forays into nuclear power possibilities; recent movements, including rapidly expanding uranium exploration and mining activities; and the roles played by Australia's alliance relationships with the United States and within the wider Western Alliance.

He will also discuss the expansion of the Olympic Dam mega-mine in South Australia, new uranium mines opening up in Western and Southern Australia, federal government policy settings, the changing attitudes of the Australian people to nuclear power as a low-emission base load power source, and the influence of the Australian Greens Party and other prominent environmental activist organisations.

Date: Wednesday, December 9
Time: 7:00 pm.
Location: Air Force Mess (Control Tower, 3rd Floor)
158 Gloucester St. (between Bank and O’Connor)

Cash bar available.