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Minority Government to be examined at IPAA National Conference

Public administrators and academics from across Australia and overseas will converge on Hobart next week for the IPAA National Conference.

National President of the Institute of Public Administration Australia, Percy Allan, said this year's conference would focus on minority government – one of the most hotly discussed topics in public and private spheres today.

“With minority governments a growing presence in Australian politics at all levels, **Learning to Power Share** will examine whether this form of government stifles decision-making or provides fertile ground for new approaches to government policy and services. The conference will also consider key issues such as new modes of governance, decentralisation and regionalisation, and ethical leadership,” Mr Allan said.

Bringing a wealth of local, national and international speakers to the clean, green state of Tasmania, the conference will help to define the Australian public sector's approach to a challenging new paradigm of governance for decades to come.

“We are pleased to have a great line-up of speakers including Akash Paun from the Institute for Government UK who will share his experience on how Westminster has adapted to power-sharing government, as well as former New Zealand Deputy Prime Minister Rt. Hon. Winston Peters who will explore what minority governments mean for the real public servant.

“With 32 speakers in total, including Prime Minister Julia Gillard who will deliver the annual Garran Oration, the IPAA National Conference on 25 and 26 August is an opportunity not to be missed,” Mr Allan added.

Details regarding the IPAA National Conference – including speaker bios, the conference program and how to register – can be found at www.ipaanationalconference.org.au.

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