



Plenary Session 2: Population Change and Policy at the Local and regional Levels

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Rapid Local Population Growth and Premature Ageing - the new Sustainability Crisis

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With 31 percent of its population over the age of 65, Victor Harbor is the oldest Local Government Area in Australia. For the past decade it has also been one of the State's fastest growing areas. Its 'seachange' location guarantees that this conjunction of rapidly growing and prematurely ageing population will continue well into the future. The paper shows how Council identified the challenges these conditions pose for the local community and what steps the Council is now taking to address Victor Harbor's economic and social future sustainability in the wake of this phenomenon.