WHAT KIND OF ECONOMY IS CONSISTENT WITH THE GOALS OF ECONOMIC JUSTICE, ECOLOGICAL BALANCE AND GENUINE SECURITY

This conference is about the structure of power in Australian economic and political life. It will focus particularly on the economy and the way it narrows political choices, jeopardises the environment, increases the threat of peace, and widens the gap between rich and poor.

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- . Australia's problems are part of the crisis in the world economy? Does the solution rely with a more self-sufficient and self-reliant Australia, or with a different type of relationship to the world market economy?
- . If the economy is to be changed to meet the real needs of Australians, how does the structure of government have to be altered? Is a radical rewriting of our constitution a key prerequisite for establishing economic and political democracy?

- . Can an economy like ours be democratically managed? Does the answer lie in grass-roots control, or is national planning necessary and feasible?
- In a new Australian future, the culture will have to be reclaimed. What is to be White Australia's relationship with Black Australia? What is the alternative to a media-dominated, Macdonald's culture?
- . What sort of politics and political organisations will reclaim this new future? What have the social movements got to offer? Are trade unions part of the solution or part of the problem? What can they learn from each other? Is there anyway that grass-roots politics can be combined with effective national organisation? A new political party or a new political movement?

OPEN TO ALL: This is a conference open to anyone who sympathises with the goal of radically reshaping Australia?

PLENARIES. WORKSHOPS AND PANELS: The emphasis is on participation. There will be opportunities for imaginative and constructive debate on a wide range of economic, political and cultural concerns. For those beginning to feel their way on these issues, there will be plenty of introductory workshops.

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