



**Sharon Grierson MP**  
Federal Member for Newcastle

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**Media Release**

**NOMINATIONS SOUGHT FOR AUSTRALIA 2020 SUMMIT**

Sharon Grierson MP has invited nominations and submissions from the Newcastle community to for the Australia 2020 Summit on 19-20 April 2008 in Canberra.

Prime Minister Rudd has announced the Summit to help us harness the best ideas for building a modern Australia and shaping a long term strategy for our nation's future.

1000 people from all walks of life will participate in the Summit, looking at 10 critical policy areas.

"Newcastle has some of the finest minds, and some of the best ideas, in Australia. I'd like to see them on show at the Summit," Ms Grierson said.

"Our City and our Region have contributed greatly to our nation's economic and social history, and we will have a huge role to play in the future."

"I invite Novocastrians who have made contributions to important debates in our community, or who have great ideas in one of the policy areas, to make submissions or nominate to attend."

Nominations to attend the Summit close on Monday 25 February 2008 and submissions to the Summit close on Wednesday 9 April 2008.

More information, including nomination forms, is available at: <http://www.australia2020.gov.au/>

The Summit's 10 policy areas are:

- Australian Economy;
- Infrastructure;
- Sustainability and Climate Change;
- Rural Australia;
- Health;
- Communities and Families;
- Indigenous Australia;
- Creative Australia;
- Governance; and
- Australia's Future in the World.

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