

# NATIONAL COASTAL URBANISATION SYMPOSIUM

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# WELCOME!

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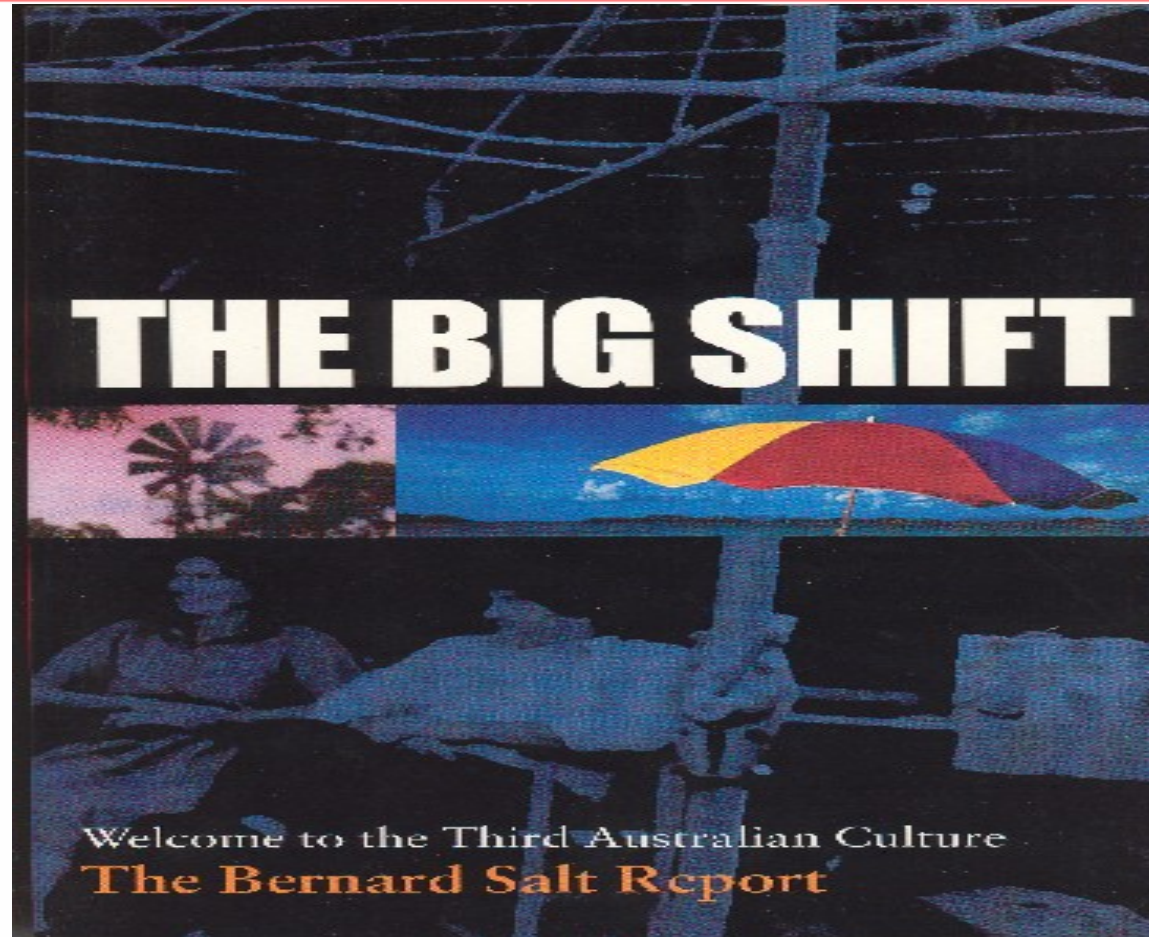
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# THANKS!

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## Seachange: Scholarly Grumblings...

1. The patterning of demographic change at various spatial levels (national/state/local) and its impacts on urbanisation.

***Who's growing and where are they going?***

## Seachange: Scholarly Grumblings...

2. The classification of coastal urban growth zones and their relationship to other areas that have experienced population growth ('turnaround') in recent decades.

***Is the coast the only growth host?***

## Seachange: Scholarly Grumblings...

3. The numerical significance of new growth areas relative to established coastal urban areas, including the major metropolitan regions.

***Where's the main game?***

## Seachange: Scholarly Grumblings...

4. The ***long term*** historical context for coastal urbanisation and the historical patterning of growth and change.

***What's new about seachange?***

## Seachange: Additional Concerns...

- **Economic, social and environmental impacts of rapid coastal urbanisation, especially in new growth areas**
- **Not an unproblematical set of changes**

## Two Overriding Areas of Unease...

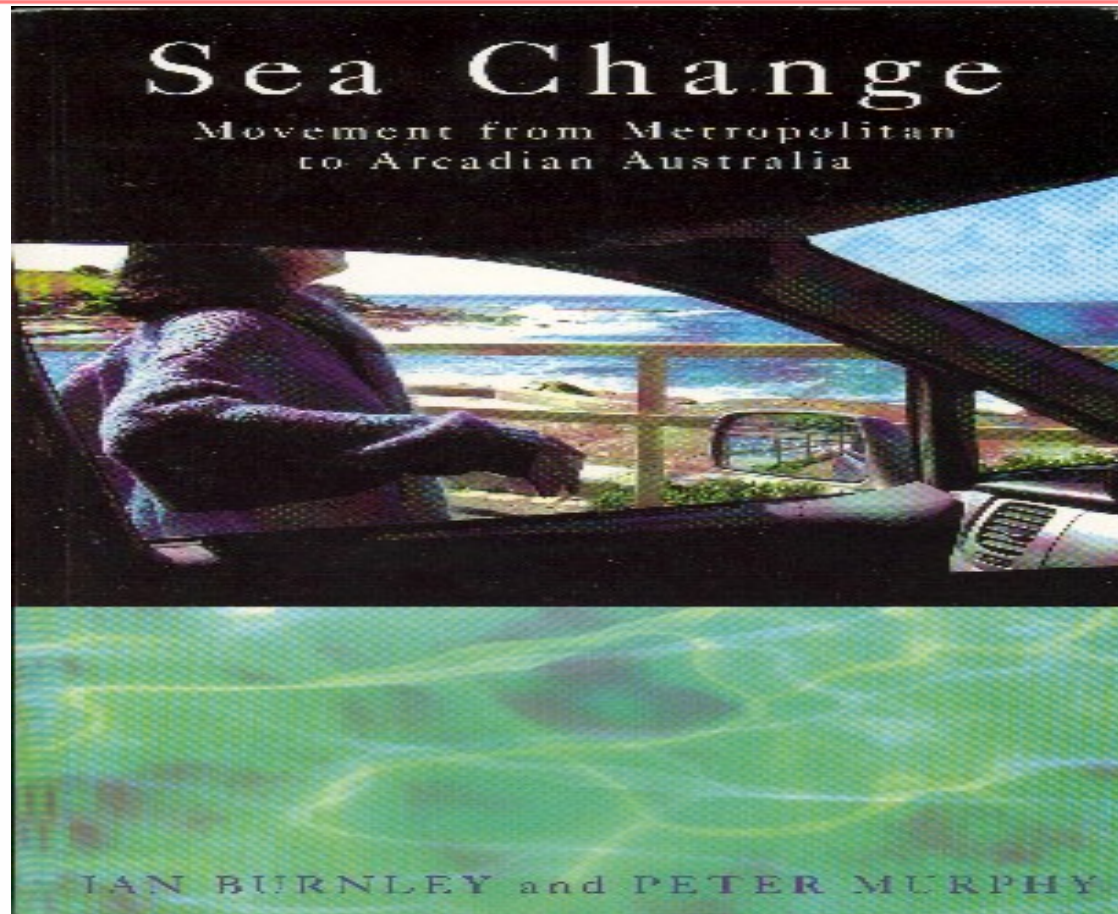
- 1. The accuracy of portrayals of new coastal growth areas as 'national centres' or 'poles' of population growth;**
- 2. The increasingly manifest growth management problems in seachange areas.**

✘ Beyond simple advocacy of seachange..

▶ *Towards a **well informed debate** about growth and decline and its impacts on communities...*



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## Aims of the Symposium

- **To provide quality, scholarly input into community and policy discussions about coastal urban shifts.**
- **To begin the process of linking scholars, policymakers and others in discussions about coastal urban shifts.**

## Ground to be Covered...

- **Demography**
- **Population geography**
- **Economic geography**
- **Urban & regional planning**
- **Cultural history**