

# GLOBAL ACCESS PARTNERS

Global Access Partners (GAP) is an independent non-profit institute for active policy which initiates strategic discussions on the most pressing social, economic and structural issues and challenges facing Australia today. Through the 'Second Track' process, GAP forges links between community, government, industry and academia and promotes innovative, cross-disciplinary approaches to problem-solving.

Since its establishment in 1997, GAP has run multidisciplinary taskforces, forums, conferences, seminars, consultative committees and conducted research and feasibility studies, online collaboration and executive consultancy in Australia and around the world. The GAP alumni network comprises 3,500 members, with more than 600 people actively engaged in various GAP projects on a regular basis. We work with federal and state governments, major corporate enterprises, peak industry and community bodies, universities and research institutes.

For two decades, GAP has facilitated constructive and informed policy dialogue, initiating and 'fast-tracking' concrete solutions to major public issues. We create the small groups and wider networks of mutual assistance in which innovation and new ideas thrive. We translate research and discussion into tangible positive results for every stakeholder and judge our success by measurable, long-term results, actionable recommendations and on-the-ground projects and initiatives. New ideas are tested for their practical value, economic efficiency, social impact and applicability to the Australian context, before being implemented to benefit participants and society.

Global Access Partners is part of the TCG® Group of Companies – a diverse and growing network of innovative Australian-owned companies. TCG has been in the 'business of building businesses' for over forty-seven years.

## GAP INITIATIVES

### 2017

- "A Vision for Australia": 8<sup>th</sup> Economic Summit - "Hidden Giants": The Future of Australia's Midsize Business
- "Recovery at Work: Engaging Large Employers in Best Practice" GAP Strategic Roundtable #2

### 2016

- "A Vision for Australia": 7<sup>th</sup> Economic Summit - Spaces of Australian Innovation
- "Recovery at Work: A New Way of Thinking About Work Injuries" GAP Strategic Roundtable

### 2015

- "National Economic Review": 6<sup>th</sup> Growth Summit - Employment and the Future of Jobs
- "The Australian Healthcare System as a Market" GAP Workshop

### 2014

- "National Economic Review": 5<sup>th</sup> Growth Summit - Education
- The G20 Agenda for Growth: Opportunities for SMEs Conference
- GAP Institute for Active Policy
- Australian Society for Progress & Wellbeing

### 2013

- "A future without 'Age'": GAP/ACHR Conference on Productive Ageing
- "National Economic Review": 4<sup>th</sup> Growth Summit

### 2012

- "National Economic Review": 3<sup>rd</sup> Growth Summit
- National Standing Committee on Cloud Computing

### 2011

- "Australia's Population": 2<sup>nd</sup> Growth Summit
- GAP Workshop on Cloud Computing
- "Primary Health Care & the Private Patient Journey": ACHR/GAP Forum

### 2010

- "National Economic Review": 1<sup>st</sup> Growth Summit

### 2009

- GAP/ACHR Congress on Australia's Health

### 2008

- GAP Congress on Regulatory Affairs: Opportunities for Business

### 2007

- Implementing a Rational e-Health System in Australia: GAP Forum
- GAP Congress on Wellness & Ageing
- Creating a Better Regulatory Environment for Innovation Forum

### 2006

- Virtual Opportunity Congress IV: Identity & Access
- GAP Forum on Commercialising Nanotechnology in Water
- GAP Forum on Leveraging Networks in Business

### 2005

- GAP Congress on Knowledge Capital
- Australian National Consultative Committee on Electronic Health

### 2004

- Better Health Care Through Electronic Information: GAP Forum

**"Converting global issues into business opportunities"**

**"Moving from rhetoric to action"**

**"Any survival is the result of cooperation"**

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# “SECOND TRACK” PROCESS

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### 2017

- Australia's Health 2040 Taskforce
- International Centre for Democratic Partnerships
- Australian Space Initiative & Space Tiger Team
- Courage–Innovation, Risk & Outcomes in Public Life
- Housing Affordability Online Consultation

### 2016

- Sydney as an Innovation Hub Taskforce
- Medium Enterprise Advisory
- Vision for Australia Advisory
- GAP Taskforce on Hospital Funding
- GAP Taskforce on Cyber Security
- GAP Taskforce on Early Childhood Education
- National Standing Committee on Energy & the Environment

### 2015

- GAP Taskforce on Leadership in Innovation
- GAP Taskforce on the North, Agriculture & the Environment
- GAP Taskforce on Government Health Procurement

### 2014

- GAP Taskforce on Energy Security
- GAP Taskforce on Self Care
- GAP Taskforce on Productive Ageing
- GAP Taskforce on Leadership in Education

### 2013

- GAP Taskforce on SMEs
- GAP Taskforce on Social Media
- GAP Taskforce on Early Childhood Education
- GAP/Smartnet Cyber R&D Taskforce

### 2012

- Working Group for the establishment of an Australian e-Conservatorium of Music
- GAP Taskforce on Energy Pricing
- Working Group for the establishment of an Australian Society for Progress & Wellbeing
- NSW Strata Laws Online Consultation
- Government Consultation Blog

### 2011

- GAP Taskforce on Progress in Society
- GAP Taskforce on Tertiary Music Education
- Advisory Group on Commercialising Australian Ideas

### 2010

- International Complex Project Management Taskforce
- GAP Taskforce on Cloud Computing
- Project Mozart

### 2009

- Government Technology Optimisation Group
- Low-Carbon Economy Taskforce
- National Consultative Committee on “Second Track” Processes
- GAP Taskforce on Australia's Health
- National Human Rights Online Consultation

### 2008

- GAP Urban Water Pricing Forum
- National Pharmacogenomics Consulting Group
- Regulating in Technology-Rich Environments Taskforce

### 2007

- The Working Group on Education & Training in Philanthropy & Social Investment

In 2007, after many years of connecting business, government, academia and the community in pursuit of practical outcomes, GAP began its 'Second Track' Process initiative.

With its origins in international diplomacy, the 'Second Track' Process highlights the proactive role of civil society in participatory democracy. It is a new method of government consultation, through which previously ad-hoc mechanisms for stakeholder engagement in policy development and decision making become an accepted method of 'fast-tracking' solutions to key issues. The process brings together experts from relevant sectors including government, business, non-government organisations and consumers. Working collaboratively, with a positive approach, these groups identify problems, initiate discussions, prepare papers, develop practical solutions and oversee their implementation.

The success of GAP initiatives demonstrates that such innovative avenues of stakeholder interaction can be further refined for the public good, without compromising the integrity of public procedure.

GAP's online think-tank, **Open Forum** ([openforum.com.au](http://openforum.com.au)), is a well-established platform with an extensive community network, uniquely positioned to attract the target audience and informed contributions. Building on its experience in hosting online government consultations and promoting debates around particular areas of interest, Open Forum works with agencies across the whole of government to increase the level of citizen participation in the formation of public policy.

On 20 October 2010 at NSW Parliament House in Sydney, GAP formally launched its new initiative, **First 5000** ([first5000.com.au](http://first5000.com.au)) - an exclusive business alliance for the top 5,000 Australian medium sized enterprises. This ambitious project provides a place for disparate industries and locations to connect those playing a crucial role in the national economy, creating an invaluable reserve of intellectual leadership to inform business policies.

**“Everyone has the right to take part in the government of his country, directly or through freely chosen representatives”.**

**The Universal Declaration of Human Rights, Art. 21(1)  
10 December 1948**

**“Building the culture of collaborative policy development”**

**“United we stand, divided we fall”**

**Aesop, 620 BC – 560 BC**

