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2019 SUMMIT PROGRAMME
Thursday, 19 September 2019
Strangers Function Room
NSW Parliament House
6:15pm Registration & Networking
7:00pm OPENING DINNER
9:00pm Close

Friday, 20 September 2019
Legislative Assembly Chamber
NSW Parliament House
8:15am Registration
9:00am PLENARY SESSION ONE
11:00am Morning tea
11:30am PLENARY SESSION TWO
1:00pm Working Lunch
2:15pm SUMMARY OF OUTCOMES
2:30pm Close

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