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## **Registrations open for South West conference featuring Jeff Kennett**

Former Victorian Premier Jeff Kennett has been announced as one of several high profile speakers for the upcoming Critical Horizons Regional Futures Conference.

To be held over June 2 and 3 at Bunbury's Edith Cowan University, the event will feature one of the biggest line-ups of speakers ever seen in Bunbury and the South West.

It will include presentations by some of Australia's leading experts and futurists, including Kennett who will reveal his vision for a prosperous and vibrant South West region.

Other speakers secured for the event include Professor Ian Plimer, Dr Peter Ellyard and Lieutenant General John Sanderson, who will be talking on topics as diverse as climate change, and the impact of the shifting global framework on the South West.

Organised by the South West Development Commission and a committee of local volunteers, the conference follows a similarly themed-event that took place in 2007.

South West Development Commission acting chief executive officer Graeme Baesjou said Critical Horizons events were designed to help maintain the region's competitive edge by building knowledge and encouraging innovation.

"These events are essential for putting world issues into a local context, giving people greater opportunity to consider global trends when planning or making decisions," he said.

More information about the Critical Horizons Regional Futures Conference, including how to register, can be found by visiting [www.criticalhorizons.com.au](http://www.criticalhorizons.com.au) or phoning Alan Cross on 9792 2000.

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