

Roundtable Discussion on Strategic Trade, Development, and the Real Economy in Australia- India Relations

**27th February 2025
(Thursday)**

**5:00PM 6:30PM
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**8th Floor, Centre for WTO
Studies, New Delhi**

**Australia Institute for International Affairs, Victoria
Study tour to India**

Participant List

Delegation Members		
SL No.	Name	Designation
1.	Michael Moignard	Former Senior Trade Commissioner at the Australian High Commission in New Delhi (1998–2012). Trade adviser for the Australian Government. AIIA Victoria Council Member since 2021.
2.	Prakash Mirchandani	AIIA Victoria Council Member and Investment Committee member. Commissioning Editor of Australian Outlook. Runs Achilles Consulting, focusing on emerging markets trade and marketing. Holds a BA in Economics (Columbia) and an MA in International Affairs (Fletcher School, Tufts).
3.	Paul Lucas	Queensland President of AIIA, former Deputy Premier of Queensland (2001–2012), solicitor, urban planner, and company director. Specializes in infrastructure, mining, and First Nations matters. Independent director at PKKP Aboriginal Corporation. Has led ~50 Australia Awards short courses across Asia, Africa, and the Pacific, with a

		focus on Indonesia.
4.	John West	Executive Director of the Asian Century Institute, journalist, researcher, policy expert, and educator. Author of Asian Century... on a Knife-edge (2018). Formerly with OECD, ADB Institute, Australian Treasury, and an adjunct professor at Sciences Po and Sophia University. Writes for AIIA, Lowy Institute, ASPI, and East Asia Forum. Holds a Master's in Economics.
5.	Kathy Moignard	Former librarian at the National Library of Australia. Lived in India during diplomatic postings (1991–2008), worked at the American Embassy School in Delhi. Now retired.
6.	Helen Freeman	India specialist taught in Pilani, Rajasthan, and served at the Australian High Commission in New Delhi (1970s). Worked on trade and agricultural policy at the Australian Embassy in Washington.
7.	Jeff Rolls	Barrister at the Queensland Bar since 1986, specialising in civil, insurance, and personal injury law. Former Chair of the Liquor Appeals Tribunal (2002–2003). Represented Queensland in the Queensland and Grantham Floods Commissions of Inquiry.
8.	Leah Billeam	Leah is a retired lawyer. This will be Leah's first trip to India, and she is taking the tour at the invitation of her sister - Helen Freeman - who has a deep connection with India.
9.	Manisha Khokhar	Master of Public Policy and Management (University of Melbourne). Works as Assistant, Project Support and Research at Victorian Health Promotion Foundation and Intern at AIIA. Interested in international policymaking and government relations.
External Members		
10.	Ambassador Anil Wadhwa	Former Secretary, Ministry of External Affairs, GoI and Distinguished Fellow with Consumer Unity & Trust Society (CUTS).
11.	Ambassador Amit Das Gupta	Former Consul General served in Sydney, Australia and Distinguished Fellow with Australia India Institute.
12.	Tom Sandeford	First Secretary, Economic, Australian High Commission.

13.	Dr. Pralok Gupta	Associate Professor from the Centre for WTO Studies.
14.	Pradeep S Mehta	Secretary General, Consumer Unity & Trust Society (CUTS) International
15.	Purushendra Singh	Associate Director, CUTS International Global Affairs
16.	Anjali Shekhawat	Research Associate, CUTS International Global Affairs