



## Your Invitation

To CROWAG individual members and members of affiliated groups.



**Let's talk about our growing population.**

**When – Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> June, 7.30 pm – 9.00 pm**

**Where - Blackburn Lake Visitor Centre.**

**Ian Penrose** - Former senior executive in the coal mining and natural gas industries. But after 27 years supporting big business, he switched his focus to the natural environment. Ian has worked on projects to restore the Snowy River, was the first Yarra Riverkeeper and he is concerned with the impacts of growing population on the natural world and the implications of urban development.

**Background** – The Government's latest State of the Environment report concludes that the country's natural environment is in poor health and deteriorating. The pressures on it include, pollution, invasive species, climate change and, worst of all, the clearing of native vegetation and wildlife habitat.

We may strengthen environmental laws and increase nature reserves, but that isn't enough. As urged by ecologists, we must confront the root causes of the shrinking natural world which are our growing population and industries.

Australia's population growth is an important issue, but it is rarely discussed in an open and polite manner. Why? Because it challenges the economic growth mindset of business and government. It also raises the controversial subject of our immigration program.

But we cannot hope to protect, let alone restore Australia's precious wildlife and natural areas, or reduce our overall environmental footprint if we keep adding more feet.

**Seating is limited so bookings are essential.**

**RSVP** – attendance is allocated on a 'first in' basis. Bookings are essential.

**\$** To assist CROWAG meet the increasing cost of public liability insurance, we ask attendees to make a small donation at the venue on arrival.

Please email [crowag.inc@gmail.com](mailto:crowag.inc@gmail.com) by 15<sup>th</sup> June to book a place.