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Dr Peter Ellyard is Australia's most prominent futurist. He is also a strategist, speaker and author. Peter is particularly known for his highly original, challenging and inspirational ideas on shaping the future, and for his motivational addresses on future-making.

Peter is a graduate of Sydney University and of Cornell University (Ph.D). He is currently Chairman of the Preferred Futures Institute, which he founded in 1991, where he assists individuals, families, organisations, communities and nations to chart and implement visions and strategies to ensure success in an emerging, twenty-first century integrated, interdependent, global society.

Peter has a distinguished record in public sector leadership and administration, including three years as Executive Director for the Australian Commission for the Future. He held CEO positions in a number of public sector organizations over 15 years, including two associated with environment and planning and one with industry and technology, and was also Chief of Staff of the Office of Environment Ministers in Canberra for three years. He is Adjunct Professor of Intergenerational Strategies at Curtin University, and is a Fellow of the Australian College of Educators, the Environment Institute of Australia and New Zealand and the Australian Institute of Management. He has been a Senior Adviser to the United Nations system for more than 40 years, and was involved in the 1992 Earth Summit as a Senior Advisor on both the climate change and the biodiversity conventions. In his other work for the UN system he has been a senior consultant to the UNEP, UNDP and UNESCO.

Peter is the author of three books: Ideas for the New Millennium (1998, 2001), Designing 2050: Pathways to Sustainable Prosperity on Spaceship Earth (2008), and Destination 2050: A Concepts Bank and Toolkit for Future-makers (2013).

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