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THE FUTURE OF HUMANITY

A PUBLIC LECTURE BY

Professor Barry Brook

where: **Meeting Room, QVMAG at Inveresk**

when: **1.30 pm Sunday, 28th April 2019**

admission: **free for members of the Royal Society of Tasmania***
\$6 general admission
\$4 for students, QVMAG Friends, and members of Launceston Historical Society

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Humans have persisted in our modern evolved form for two hundred millennia and are now a dominant force of nature on planet Earth. But are we near the end of, or closer to the beginning of, our lifespan as a species? Prof. Brook will consider some concerning existential environmental threats facing humanity during the 21st century and also speculate on the optimistic long-term future of 'humanity.'

Barry Brook, an ecologist and modeller, is an ARC Australian Laureate Professor and Chair of Environmental Sustainability at the University of Tasmania. His awards include the 2006 Australian Academy of Science *Fenner Medal*, the 2010 *Community Science Educator of the Year* and 2013 *Scopus Researcher of the Year*. His research focuses on the impacts of global change on biodiversity, ecological dynamics, paleoenvironments, and energy.



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