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HER EXCELLENCY THE HONOURABLE BARBARA BAKER AC
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VICE-REGAL SALUTE

Good evening and a very warm welcome to you all for this 2026 Lecture of the Australian Institute of International Affairs Tasmania Branch.

May I begin by acknowledging the Muwinina people upon whose land we gather. I acknowledge today's Tasmanian Aboriginal Community as ongoing custodians of Country. I recognise their enduring culture and deep connection to land, sea, sky, and waters.

In Tasmania, the Institute has actively promoted the mission of The Australian Institute to help us gain an understanding of and interest in international affairs across fields ranging from politics and economics to international law.¹

This is the twelfth annual lecture in the Institute's series to be held at Government House. It continues our tradition of Vice-Regal patronage of the Institute in Tasmania. This patronage dates to the late 1980s and then Governor Sir James Plimsoll.

I am delighted to warmly welcome Jennifer Parker to deliver this year's address. Jennifer is the principal and founder of Barrier Strategic Advisory. She has been contributing to discussions on maritime security for several decades. We are all looking forward to hearing your lecture "A changing strategic world: Australia and the contested maritime domain".

Official Secretary ...

[David invites Professor Marcus Hayward, AIIA Tasmania Branch President, to introduce the Lecturer.]

¹ <https://www.internationalaffairs.org.au/state/tasmania/> accessed 20 May 26