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Joseph Drew, is Professor of Local Government and Head of the Australian Centre for Local Government at the University of Technology Sydney. Professor Drew is the leading local government finance scholar currently employed in the Southern hemisphere as demonstrated by his vast scholarly record in the best journals in the world. This includes several books published with the best academic publishing houses: (i) *Local Government in Australia*; (ii) *Reforming Local Government*; and (iii) *Saving Local Government*. Moreover, Professor Drew has consulted for a number of governments abroad on projects of national significance, as well as scores of local governments, state governments, and peak bodies in Australia.

Joseph works from his small farm in Moonbi, NSW, and is passionate about helping rural and regional local governments. He has been called on as an expert witness for several state and federal senate inquiries and is frequently in demand by leading media outlets.

Professor Drew holds several adjunct professorships at some of the most highly regarded universities in the world (Japan, Korea, Portugal) which is further testament to his unparalleled skills and the global esteem in which he is held.

Professor Drew is a qualified accountant, economist, natural law philosopher, and accomplished mathematician as demonstrated by a host of national and international academic awards. This skillset is truly unique and means that Joseph has an unrivalled capacity to holistically understand the complex financial challenges facing local government.

Professor Diogo Cunha Ferreira

Professor Diogo Ferreira is a mathematician of some note in scholarly circles with a special focus on cutting-edge data envelopment analysis (used to empirically quantify efficiency). Indeed, he and Professor Marques are the leading scholars in this field globally and both are based at the leading university in Portugal (which is also one of the best in Europe).

Professor Ferreira has worked with Professor Drew on a number of Australian local government projects and also collaborated with him on academic papers. Diogo is a master of several complex mathematical techniques for analysing corporate and government performance and has demonstrated these in the best scholarly journals in the world in European, South American, and Australian contexts. Professor Ferreira's participation in projects is thus able to assure that the teams impressive empirical work remains best-in-world standard.

Professor Masato Miyazaki is one of the foremost scholars of local government economics, based in Japan. He is an extremely accomplished empiricist and sits on a

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number of important regulatory boards in his native country. Masato is Professor of Economics at Saitama University in Japan where he is actively engaged in teaching and research. Professor Miyazaki is often called upon to make contributions to prominent local government reforms both in Japan and Australia. His empirical prowess in all forms of econometrics makes him a leading scholar in Japan and thus in high demand also abroad. Professor Miyazaki has consulted for a number of local governments in Australia, co-authoring reports with his close colleague Professor Drew.

Qualifications: Doctor of Philosophy (Economics, UNE), Masters of Commerce (Accounting; Griffith University), Diploma Theology, Bachelor of Education (Physical Mathematics), Justice of the Peace (Qual). Adjunct Professor Tokyo Metropolitan University, Adjunct Professor (Seoul National University), Adjunct Professor (IST, Portugal).

Qualifications: PhD (Economics, Keio University).