

Science and society in Australia

a public forum

an invitation to
participate in discussion
on some aspects of
science and technology
of public interest and
social concern
arranged by the
Science and Society
Forum of the Australian
Academy of Science

Public Lecture Theatre
Old Arts Building
University of Melbourne

Saturday, 9 November 1974
9.15 a.m. to 5.30 p.m.

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Chairman: The Minister for Health, The Hon. D.N. Everingham, M.P.

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