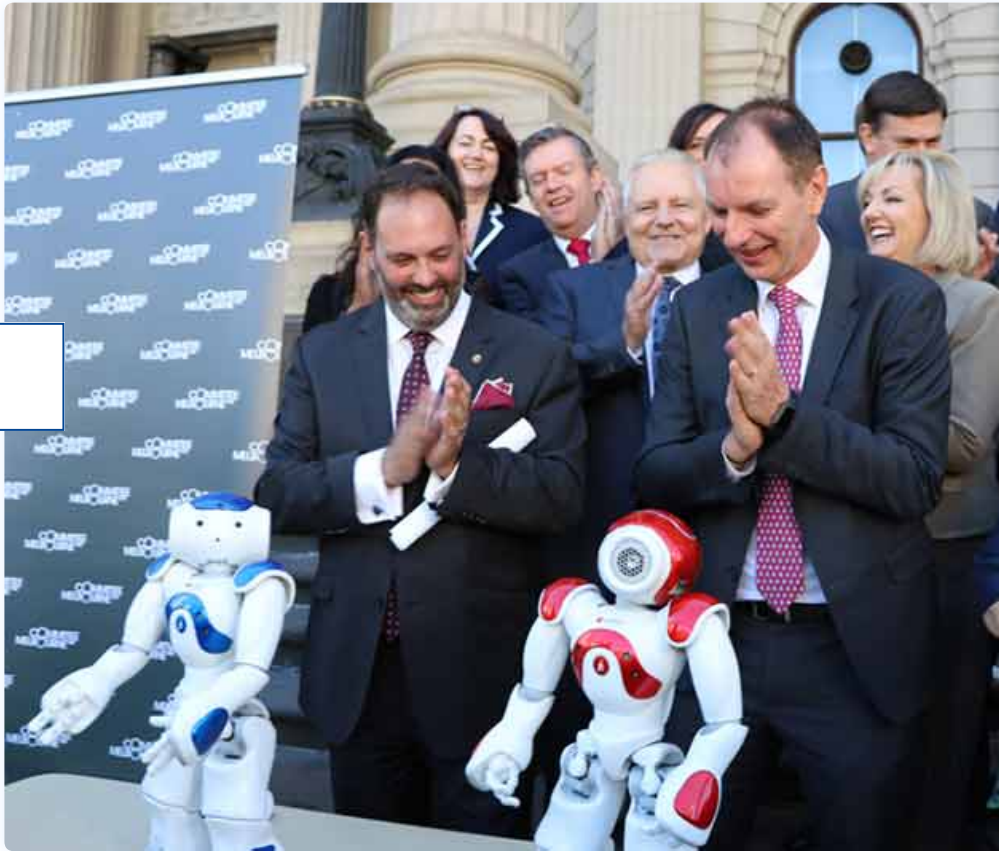


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# Victoria launches All-Party Parliamentary Group on Artificial Intelligence

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On Mar 7, the Victorian All-Party Parliamentary Group on Artificial Intelligence (VAPPGAI) has been [launched](#) in Australia, at the Parliament House.

The group was officially launched by its co-convenors, Minister for Innovation Philip Dalidakis and Shadow Minister David Southwick.

Victorian Parliamentarians are now taking the lead through the establishment of a Victorian All-Party Parliamentary Group on AI to learn more about artificial intelligence (AI) and help prepare Victorians for the future.

“AI will play a huge part in how we do business and conduct our lives in the future, so it’s important that politicians are discussing the challenges and opportunities that will arise as this technology develops,” Minister Dalidakis said.

Bringing together parliamentarians from across the political spectrum, the AI parliamentary group will be a focal point in the Victorian Parliament for discussion of the critical and transformative nature of AI.

“AI is something to be embraced and encouraged, rather than feared. The more we learn about AI through the VAPPGAI, the more opportunity we have to shape policy that embraces its benefits for all Victorians,” Shadow Minister Southwick said.

The Committee for Melbourne has been active in promoting the establishment of the parliamentary group, working in partnership with the Victorian Parliamentary Library and Information Service as well as the Australian Academy of Technology and Engineering.

“Simulated human intelligence performed by computers and machines, also known as AI, is one of the key drivers of the Fourth Industrial Revolution; it is hard to overstate its importance, its impact and the implications for our economy and our community,” said the Committee for Melbourne CEO, Ms Martine Letts, who also attended the launch.

surrounding AI.

Following the launch, Professor Genevieve Bell was guest presenter at a Parliamentary Library seminar on AI. Professor Bell is the Director of the 3A Institute and a Distinguished Professor at the [Australian National University](#).

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