



**Media Release**  
**Population Pressures                      July 27 Roundtable**

**Our point of difference** from recent roundtables is that we are bringing in experts from diverse fields to trace the causal links between world population size, its impacts on climate change, women's education and access to family planning. What is the most effective response of overseas aid for our neighbours in the Asia Pacific region?

1. Experts will present perspectives of science (environmental and medical), religions, cultural beliefs and traditions, government policies and trends.
2. Barriers to acceptance of greater and more overt funding for family planning will be explored.
3. We will address ways of enhancing program design and delivery, public understanding and strategies for government authorities wishing to support the measures we suggest.
4. Our findings and conclusions will result in a communiqué to the Prime Minister, the Parliamentary Group on Population and Development, and other heads of government and relevant bodies in nominated countries.

**Power Generation, Panaceas and Population**, presented and discussion led by **Professor Richard Broinowski**, University of Sydney, former diplomat

**Women's Roles Changing the World**, introduced and led by **Ros Strong**, past president, UNIFEM, current Chair of Sydney Women's Fund

**Medical Advances and Challenges in Family Planning** -- medical panel: researchers **Dr Edith Weisberg**, **Dr Deborah Bateson**, clinician **Dr Ellie Freedman**

**Overseas Needs and Challenges in the Field**, **Liz Sime**, Regional Director, Marie Stopes International Australia

Summarising the Barriers: **Religious and Cultural Constructs**, **Rev. Judith Atkinson** (Anglican); **Gender and Economics**, **Siobhan Sellick**, Ernst & Young; **Political and Government Processes**, **Richard Broinowski** and **Jeremy Leith**, President, Political Society University of Sydney

**The Dynamic Leadership of Overseas Aid**, presented and discussion led by **Tim Costello**, CEO World Vision Australia.

Other participants will be Dr Honorata Catibog, Director, Department of Health, Philippines, representing Secretary Enrique T. Ona, Secretary of Health, Philippines; Deborah Raphael, representing International Planned Parenthood; Lynn Sartori, Director Scientific Affairs, Merck Serono Australia; Susan Stratigos, Chairman of the Australian Reproductive Health Alliance.

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