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***MEDIA ALERT***

**AUSTRALIA AND THE TRANS PACIFIC PARTNERSHIP**

The conclusion of the TPP (Trans-Pacific Partnership Agreement) is still in doubt. But, if it is signed and sealed, it will represent a significant transition point in Australian political and jurisprudential arrangements.

A special event hosted by AIIA NSW on ***Tuesday, August 11th*** will focus on the introduction into the Australian social contract of the rights of foreign investors to challenge decisions of democratically elected parliaments before small foreign-based panels of investment arbitrators with substantial conflicts of interest.

This presentation, by Professor Thomas Faunce, who is a professor jointly at the ANU College of Law and the ANU College of Medicine, Biology and the Environment, will examine how such a development will have significant negative implications for the rule of law in Australia and for the promotion of energy policies focused on environmental sustainability.

 This talk will explore these issues and set the TPP in the context of Australia’s and global civil societies movement.

**TIME: 6.00PM**

**DATE: TUESDAY, AUGUST 11TH**

**VENUE: GLOVER COTTAGES, 124 KENT ST, SYDNEY**

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