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George Megalogenis asks - when or what's 'The Tasmanian Moment'?

Leading Australian journalist and commentator George Megalogenis will join a team of Tasmanians this Wednesday (**19 September 2012**) in Hobart, to discuss options and opportunities for Tasmania's future.

Megalogenis will headline the latest Denison Debate hosted by the Inglis Clark Centre for Civil Society at the University of Tasmania - *The Tasmanian Moment? Real Options and Opportunities for Tasmania's Future*.

"I am delighted that an analyst of the calibre of George Megalogenis will be turning his attention to Tasmania, a part of Australia that's often misrepresented or misunderstood in national conversations," said Associate Professor Natasha Cica, Director of the Inglis Clark Centre.

"He'll be joined by a great line-up of Tasmanian thinkers and doers - Jan Davis of the Tasmanian Farmers and Graziers Association, gay rights activist Rodney Croome, and Professor Janelle Allison, the Pro-Vice Chancellor of Regional Development at the University of Tasmania," she said.

"Tasmanians can't seem to agree on the state of our State. Do globally-noticed innovations like MONA herald a brave new world of social, economic and cultural possibility? Or are we stuck in the mud and mores of the past, congenitally dependent on the public purse and destined for more or worse of the same? When or what's 'The Tasmanian Moment'?"

This is a free public event and all are welcome.

George Megalogenis will be signing copies of his new book *The Australian Moment*, and copies will be available for purchase.

What: The Denison Debate: *The Tasmanian Moment? - Real Options and Opportunities for Tasmania's Future*. Associate Professor Natasha Cica, Director of the Inglis Clark Centre for Civil Society, in conversation with:

- **George Megalogenis**, senior journalist with *The Australian* newspaper, author of *The Australian Moment*
- **Professor Janelle Allison**, Pro Vice-Chancellor (Regional Development), UTAS

- **Rodney Croome AM**, gay rights advocate and former *Island* editor
- **Jan Davis**, Chief Executive Officer, Tasmanian Farmers and Graziers Association

When: Wednesday 19 September 2012, 6:00-7:30pm.

Where: Stanley Burbury Theatre, University Centre, Churchill Avenue, Sandy Bay UTAS campus.

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