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Agenda-setters' roadmap for 21st Century Tasmania

The thoughts of the State's agenda-setters about Tasmania's future directions will be detailed in a new report to be launched this week (**Wednesday 1 February 2012**).

The report – *SALON/SOUTH: Twenty-First Century Ideas for Tasmania* – is the result of a series of discussion salons run by the Inglis Clark Centre for Civil Society in 2011.

Themed Culture, Community and Capital, SALON/SOUTH was held in Launceston, Burnie and Hobart. The sessions involved almost 100 agenda-setting Tasmanians from industry, government, academia and the community and philanthropic sectors. To ensure free and frank expression of opinion, they were run according to the Chatham House Rule.

UTAS Vice-Chancellor, Professor Peter Rathjen, said both the report and the nature of its generation were significant.

“The generosity of both input and time given by those involved in the various Salons is to be commended. It is their exchange of expertise and ideas that this new report presents.

“How lucky we are to live in a state where ambitious, aspirational concepts are embraced in this egalitarian, intellectual way,” Prof Rathjen said.

“It is my hope *SALON/SOUTH: Twenty-First Century Ideas for Tasmania* is indeed aptly named and will help our Tasmania to continue to grow and evolve in a meaningful way into the future.”

Director of the Inglis Clark Centre, Associate Professor Natasha Cica, said:

“We are delighted to have had the opportunity to consult with such a broad cross-section of Tasmanians who are dedicated to building a vibrant future for this place and its people – and to now bring their views to a wider audience.”

Copies of the report will be available at the launch.

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