



## newDEMOCRACY

- Citizens are seeking public decisions that are less adversarial and less short term in outlook.
- The new**democracy** Foundation researches and publishes alternative democratic methods that seek to deliver this.
- We pursue alternatives more likely to identify common ground, end the continuous campaign and return representatives to a focus on issues, not opinion polls.
- We are not a thinktank – we fund practical trials.
- We don't need better politicians. We need a better system.



## WHO WE ARE & HOW WE BEGAN

- Non-partisan, non-issue based.
- Privately underwritten research foundation
- Leading academics, practitioners and former politicians.
- Present all alternatives for innovation, fund their practical trial and research their impact.

## WHY GOVERNMENTS WANT THIS

- Positive case for change.
- Awareness of limits of power.
- Electoral trends.
- Credible backers & track record as an operator.



## KEY ORGANISING/ DESIGN PRINCIPLES

### ✓ Critical elements:

Random Selection

Time

Information

Clear remit and authority.

Ask a question, don't sell an answer.

### ✓ Goal is to visibly earn public trust.

## EFFECTIVENESS

- Let's talk examples
  - City of Melbourne
  - Nuclear Fuel Cycle
  - ACT Planning & Housing Choices
- Success measures
  - The decisions taken
  - Bi-partisan political interest
  - Changes in media acceptance



## WHAT'S NEXT

- UN Democracy Fund
  - Handbook on Democracy Beyond Elections \*
  - 3x funded international pilot projects
  - Documentary coverage
- Look at the UK
  - Ministry of Culture funding 8x major jury projects



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