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Innovating policy through, Public Engagement

Tuesday 14 February 2012 12.30 – 1.30 pm, light lunch will be provided

Crawford School Seminar Series

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Policy processes are no more the sole remit of the government. For policy and programs to be successful, government finds itself increasingly requiring the involvement of non-State actors – businesses, non-governmental organisations, research institutions and even citizens. These developments are neither new nor groundbreaking. What is new is the manner in which Governments have chosen to engage and involve stakeholders in the process. *Public Engagement* is one such approach.

The Province of New Brunswick in Canada piloted this innovative engagement approach to interact with its constituents, identify a range of policy options and then reach consensus on the action plan that subsequently became legislation. The success of this approach now has the Australian Government piloting this

model in Victoria.

This case study, "Innovating Government Through Public Engagement: The Case of New Brunswick", is published in Dr. Don Lenihan's recently launched book *Rescuing Policy: The Case for Public Engagement*. The e-version of this book can be found at: http://www.ppforum.ca/sites/default/files/rescuing_policy_ebook.pdf

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