

newDemocracy: putting public deliberation into politics

“We don’t need better politicians. We need a better system.” That’s the belief of the newDemocracy Foundation, which recently launched Democracy: Plan B, a proposal to replace adversarial politics with a deliberative system of randomly-selected individuals.

By engaging everyday citizens in political decisions, much like a jury’s role in criminal cases, newDemocracy believes we can create this better system.

Company principal, Kathy Jones, one of the Foundation’s directors, attended the presentation. The Foundation is chaired and funded by Transfield Joint Managing Director, Luca Belgiorno-Nettis, and its high profile Research Committee includes members such as former NSW premier Nick Greiner, currently chairman of Infrastructure NSW, and Geoff Gallop, former WA Premier.

The Foundation’s launch was covered by the Australian Financial Review, ABC 702 and the Sydney Morning Herald. Check out the Herald’s article at <http://www.smh.com.au/national/democracy-now-for-plan-b-20111029-1mp8z.html>, or visit the newDemocracy website, <http://www.newdemocracy.com.au/index.php>.

