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- 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

- Non-partisan, non-issue based.
- Research Foundation with DGR status.
- Leading academics, practitioners and former politicians.
- Present all alternatives for innovation, fund their practical trial and research their impact.

ENGAGING THE COMMUNITY

- ✓ Who is "the community"?
- ✓ Engagement or peacekeeping?
- ✓ The nature of inquiry submissions.
- ✓ A change in tone.

WHAT CHANGES MAKE A DIFFERENCE?

- ✓ Adding *deliberative* processes as part of everyday policy formulation.
- ✓ Critical elements:
 - Random Selection
 - Time
 - Information
 - The blank sheet
 - Clear remit and authority.
- ✓ How can we visibly earn public trust?

IT WORKS.

- City of Canada Bay:
 - 31 of 32 randomly selected citizens sign up to 84 point plan to change service levels and funding structures.
- NSW Parliament Public Accounts Committee – Inquiry into Energy Generation
 - two juries reach unanimous positions... in a highly contentious topic area.

SEED IDEA

- What hard problem could you open up to a sample of the community?
- One example: *In what circumstances would you be happy to see Project X go ahead in your area?*
- Would this likely yield a more trusted, usable set of options?



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