



# Christians for an Ethical Society

Working Group of Churches Together NSW-ACT  
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2014 Forum Series on  
Responsible Citizenship

## Ceding Sovereignty in investment treaties: Government of the People by Foreign Corporations

### Prof. Thomas Faunce

ANU College of Law and ANU College of Medicine,  
Biology and Environment

Prof. Faunce warns of the danger that the 12-nation Trans Pacific Partnership Agreement, being negotiated in secret, will involve a fundamental challenge to our constitution and democracy, with foreign corporations empowered to overturn decisions they do not like, including those on health and the environment. Tobacco companies are presently using a similar procedure under a free trade agreement with Hong Kong to challenge Australian plain packaging legislation. Prof. Faunce took a leading role in heading off the inclusion in the Free Trade Agreement with the United States of provisions that could have seen the dismantling of Australia's Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme.



**Monday 17 March 7.30 pm**

**at Australian Centre for Christianity and Culture  
Blackall St (corner Kings Ave), Barton, ACT**

The forum will seek to encourage discussion from the floor - \$5 Donation requested to cover hall costs  
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