



SOCIAL INCLUSION WEEK LAUNCH
23 NOVEMBER 2009

PRICE THEATRE, MACQUARIE UNIVERSITY

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- 6.00 pm** 'Meet and greet' with canapés and refreshments
- 6.30pm** MC – Dr Jonathon Welch AM performs acknowledgement of Country and then introduces the Macquarie University Singers (MUS) to perform
- 6.35pm** Macquarie University Singers perform
- 6.45pm** Professor Steven Schwartz, Vice Chancellor Macquarie University welcomes guests, thanks MUS for their performance and introduces Senator Ursula Stephens, Parliamentary Secretary assisting the Prime Minister for Social Inclusion to open Social Inclusion Week
- 6.50pm** **Opening Words:** Senator Ursula Stephens
- 7.00pm** MC thanks the Senator and introduces each member of the panel and the themes for the discussion
- Clare Martin – Australian Council of Social Services (formerly NT Chief Minister)
 - The Hon Linda Burney – Minister for Community Services; Minister for Women
 - Professor Paul Smyth – Brotherhood of St Laurence
 - Craig Stephens - Salvation Army, Macquarie Park

Themes:

*This evening's discussion is about the **priorities** for Australia, about **problematizing** the concept of social inclusion and, discussing its **possibilities** in the Australian context. At this time of so-called decline in neo-liberalism, what does social inclusion mean for Australians, how important is being included, what do we mean by community resilience?*

- 7.05pm** MC hosts the Q&A panel
- 8.00pm** MC makes closing remarks
- Event concludes