



St. THOMAS MORE'S FORUM

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"Food Security – One of the Greatest Social Justice Challenges in Today's World"



Presented by

Hon Tony Burke

Federal Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry

Tuesday 10 November 2009 7.30 – 9.00pm

St. Thomas More Hall at 30 White Crescent, Campbell followed by light supper.

The Speaker

Tony Burke is the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry and the Federal Member for Watson.

His achievements so far include major economic reforms to the bulk wheat export marketing system, tripling the funding for climate change research and concluding a Memorandum of Understanding with Indonesia to help tackle illegal logging.

Tony is also continuing to work with stakeholders to review the nation's drought support system and better prepare farmers for future challenges. He believes Australian farmers are world leaders in improving biodiversity and producing more with less water.

In previous roles, Tony was appointed directly to the front bench on entering Federal Parliament and served as Shadow Minister for Small Business and Shadow Minister for Immigration. He has also served as a Member of the NSW Legislative Council.

Speech Synopsis

In a recent address to the National Press Club, Canberra, Dr Megan Clark, Chief Executive of the CSIRO spoke of the need to understand :

- The reality that we are all connected.
- Individuals, communities, industry and nations are seeking to understand this connectivity and the inevitable trade offs necessary to achieve a sustainable society.
- Our choices in one area such as water, impact on other areas such as food security.

Social justice is at the heart of this debate and the St. Thomas More Forum has invited the Hon Tony Burke, the Federal Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry to address this challenge.

Entry : \$10 per person and \$3 per student at school or university and concession card holders.

The objective of the St Thomas More's Forum is to promote thought, discussion and debate on the challenges of faith in the workplace, family and public life in the modern world.

ST THOMAS MORE FORUM PROGRAM

March 2010

How the Church should engage with the Parliament and Public Opinion

Date and Speakers to be announced

22 June 2010 St Thomas More's Feast Day

Sixth Annual St. Thomas More Lecture Dinner

Most Rev Philip Wilson

Archbishop of Adelaide

President Australian National Bishop's Conference

1 September 2010

The Hon Justice Susan Crennan

High Court of Australia

November 2010

Prof John Warhurst, Professor of Political Science at ANU

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