“I’VE COME TO BELIEVE THAT GIVEN THE PLETHORA OF VERY DIFFICULT ISSUES THAT CONFRONT US AS A NATION, AS A CULTURE, AS A PEOPLE, OUR GREATEST PROBLEM IS THAT WE CAN NO LONGER DEBATE ANY OF THEM REASONABLY AND RATIONALLY AND CALMLY WITHOUT EMOTION, WITHOUT HATRED…

WE HAVE TO DO BETTER. WE OWE IT TO OUR CHILDREN AND GRANDCHILDREN.”

Hon John Anderson, AO FTSE
Former Deputy Prime Minister and Host of Conversations with John Anderson

START A NEW BRISBANE DIALOGUE

GET INVOLVED

Listen more, disagree better
Engage with the "other side"
Suggest speakers and topics
Provide venues and services
Volunteer, sponsor or donate

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A CITIZENS’ RESPONSE TO POLARISATION AND TOXIC DISCUSSION

The Brisbane Dialogues (TBD) is a wholly independent, non-aligned, intergenerational, pro bono project to stimulate and civilise public discussion about big ideas and issues. We are determinedly non-political and non-partisan and aspire to being non-parochial, non-elitist and inclusive.

THE BRISBANE REGION IS A GREAT PLACE TO BE LAUNCHING AUSTRALIA’S FIRST CIVIL DISCOURSE ORGANISATION. WE CAN SHOW THE NATION HOW IT’S DONE.

THE BRISBANE RULE: "All participants agree to listen carefully, speak civilly and concentrate on the content of discussions, not on personalities - before, during and afterwards, online as well as offline."

THIS IS PLAN A:
1. Support other organisations to convert one-way talks or one-sided discussions into genuine, respectful dialogues - by sourcing facilitators and opposing or contrasting speakers, and helping with venues, sponsors, media, promotion, technology, volunteers and other services.
2. Conduct one or more marquee events a year to build awareness and generate the resources needed to perform the core activities.

ORGANISATION:
The intention is to remain a minimal, virtual, voluntary, organic organisation for as long as possible, to minimise overheads and channel maximum resources into dialogue events.

THE BRISBANE DIALOGUES IS ALL OF US, IT’S NOT THEM AND US.

WE CAN ALL DO BETTER AND WE CAN ALL DO SOMETHING.

See over for some ideas...

"HE WHO KNOWS ONLY HIS OWN SIDE OF THE CASE, KNOWS LITTLE OF THAT.”

J. S. MILL, ON LIBERTY

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