

Public Forum

The Trans-Pacific Partnership Free Trade Agreement: Free Trade or Fair Trade?

When: Thursday 1 March 2012

Time: 6pm to 8pm

Where: RMIT University (City Campus)
Building 56, Level 4, Room 81
Corner Queensberry and Lygon Streets
Entrance on Queensberry St (map attached)

Speakers

- Ged Kearney, *Australian Council of Trade Union*
- Professor Jane Kelsey, *University of Auckland*
- Dr Kyla Tienhaara, *Australian National University*
- Dr. Deborah Gleeson, *Public Health Association Australia*



Fair trade rally at the TPP negotiations in Chicago, September 2011

Facilitator

- Dr Patricia Ranald, Australian Fair Trade and Investment Network (AFTINET)

The Trans-Pacific Partnership is a free trade agreement currently being negotiated between nine countries: Australia, the US, New Zealand, Chile, Peru, Singapore, Brunei, Malaysia and Vietnam.

The eleventh round of negotiations is continuing in Melbourne from 1st to 9th March 2012.

The negotiations are taking place behind closed doors, but we know that global corporations are pushing hard for the inclusion of provisions that will give pharmaceutical companies rights to charge higher prices for medicines, provide tobacco companies the right to sue governments for damages if they regulate tobacco advertising, reduce Australian content in film and television and the right of governments to regulate genetically modified food and crops.

This is despite Governments promising that this trade agreement will be a 21st century agreement that promotes the interests of citizens.

The Australian Government should reject demands to reduce our health, environmental and cultural regulation, and support the inclusion of strong labour rights and environmental protections.

There is enormous pressure to reach agreement over the next few months. This public forum is your chance to expose these issues in public debate and demand transparency and accountability for a fair deal in the negotiations.

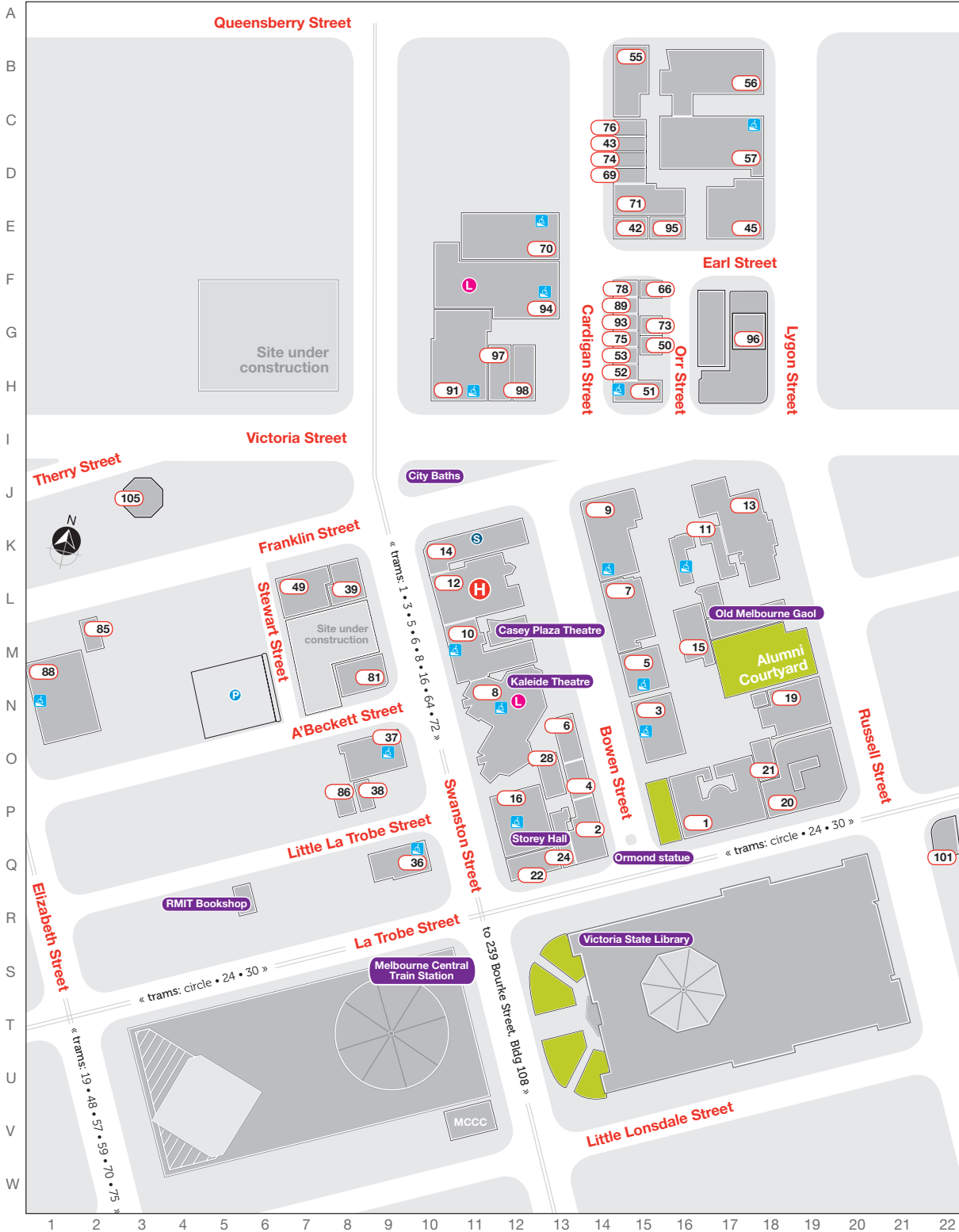
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