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Social Innovation**

In recent years, notions of social and community enterprise, social entrepreneurship and social innovation have permeated debates about the best ways to create social value and address complex societal needs amid changing policy approaches and ever increasing challenges to third sector funding. These debates shine light on those parts of the third sector that are engaged in trading or innovation in support of their mission. Such dialogue also raises questions about the changing dimensions of civil society, where activities that operate in both social and economic domains bridge traditional divisions between sectors. Critics of the enthusiasm for these 'new' ideas question whether they are demonstrably more effective than other forms of civil society activity, or whether they simply constitute the imposition of neoliberal agendas on civil society actors. Research on these emergent ideas and practices in Oceania has, to date, been limited.

This special edition of *Third Sector Review* (no. 2, 2010) offers critically informed articles on social and community enterprise, social entrepreneurship and social innovation. Both conceptual and empirical contributions, including case study research, comparative analyses, survey research and theoretical contributions are presented in this issue. In keeping with TSR's commitment to including voices 'from the field', this edition also offers reflective contributions from practitioners.

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Sian Supski, "Lotterywest Lotteries Houses – A Case Study in Social Innovation".

Nicola Brackertz and Michal Moran, "Barriers to Innovation and Investment in the Social Economy: Retrofitting for Environmental Sustainability in Australian Community Housing".

Jenny Cameron, "Business as Usual or Economic Innovation?: Work, Markets and Growth in Community and Social Enterprises".

Jo Barraket and Nicholas Collyer, "Mapping Social Enterprise in Australia: Conceptual Debates and their Operational Implications".

Suzanne Grant and Liz Kinley, "Walking Towards the Light? The Transformation of Jigsaw, from Not For Profit Organisation to Social Enterprise".

Neil Paulsen and Alex McDonald "Doing Social Enterprise: A Reflection and View from the Field".

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