

FREE - Public Lecture

'Religious freedom and the Future of Christianity in a Multi-faith and Secular Australia'

March

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DETAILS OF THE EVENT

**Wednesday,
25th March 2015**

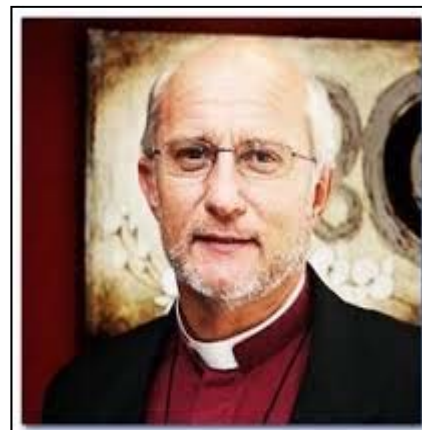
5:00pm – 7:00pm
Glasshouse Theatre
Ross Family Studio
Cnr Clarence & Hay Streets
Port Macquarie NSW 2444

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Tickets are **FREE**
and available from
The Glasshouse Box Office
from
**Wednesday, 11th March
2015**

Rt Rev'd Professor Stephen Pickard



'Australia is now home to a diverse range of global religions and spiritualities. This rich mix of religious life is embedded in an increasingly secular environment. The new situation we find ourselves in raises important questions about religious freedom, inter-religious dialogue and the future of Christianity in this country? Such questions are not merely academic but intensely practical for they concern the character of civil society and a vision for the common good.'

About Rt Rev'd Professor Stephen Pickard:

Professor Stephen Pickard is Executive Director, The Australian Centre for Christianity and Culture, and Professor of Theology, Charles Sturt University, Canberra. He is also an Assistant Bishop in the Anglican Diocese of Canberra and Goulburn. He has served in a range of ministerial and academic appointments over three decades in Australia and the United Kingdom. He is Chair of the Ministry Commission of the Anglican Church of Australia and Deputy Chair of the Archbishop of Canterbury's Inter Anglican Standing Commission on Unity, Faith and Order. He is the author of a number of books in the areas of public theology, church, culture, mission and the dialogue between science and religion. He was Head of the School of Theology of Charles Sturt University for nine years.

Professor Pickard is the author of several books, most recently *Seeking the Church: an Introduction to Ecclesiology* (SCM, 2012) and *In-Between God: Theology, Community and Discipleship* (ATF, 2011).

Rt Rev. Pickard's presentation is the first Lecture in CSU's Explorations Series for 2015. The Public Lectures aim to share the latest thinking with the community and encourage people to think about issues facing society today.