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The July *Liberty and Society* programme was held in Sydney and proved to be an exciting and rigorous weekend for all involved. As usual the evaluations from the students were very positive with 90% of the students giving the programme a good to excellent rating. In the Year 2000 we are planning to continue the same format and hope to include a number of students from Papua New Guinea in addition to the Australian and New Zealand contingent.



The students at the July *Liberty & Society* programme

Like many of the activities at the CIS the real value of the *Liberty and Society* programme will become apparent in the future. However, one of the short-term benefits has been the involvement of a number of students in CIS activities. Contributions of articles, book reviews and attendance at lectures are ensuring that the CIS remains an energetic and forward-thinking organisation. To develop some longer term information, we recently carried out a survey with students who completed the course three or four years ago. We asked where the students were now (still at university or working) and whether the programme has had any long-term impact. Typical responses included:

'L&S has had a long-term impact on me in terms of the ideas which have flown from that and my continued association with people from L&S and CIS more generally.'

'I hadn't really been exposed to these ideas during my undergraduate studies. This has broadened my range of experiences and been invaluable during my career.'

One of the key objectives of the programme is to broaden the thinking of young people who may end up in influential positions—whether it be as a high school teacher, a journalist, a lawyer, or in politics. Even though the majority of students are still completing their studies it is interesting to see where those who are starting their careers are working.

12	Policy Advisers for National and State politicians
11	Lawyers
16	Government departments
3	Reserve Bank
12	Financial industry
13	Business
2	Medicine
2	Journalism
10	Education (Tertiary and Secondary)
3	Armed Forces



## SUPPORTING L&S

Part of the success of the *Liberty and Society* programme has been the consistent support from a few individuals and a foundation. We are now looking to strengthen, secure and expand the programme by broadening our funding base. If you would be interested in supporting L&S and would like to get more details, please call *Jenny Lindsay* at the CIS.



Some of the students discuss the day's topics