



Edna Ryan Awards

2021

Patricia Ranald

For Making a Feminist Difference in Leadership

Patricia Ranald organised a public forum on the impact that the 'Comprehensive Progressive Trans-Pacific Partnership' (CPTPP) will have on women in Australia and worldwide. Pat says the CPTPP deal entrenches stronger monopolies on medicines, restricts the regulation of essential services and will lead to increased numbers of vulnerable temporary migrant workers, majority of are women.

Pat is the Convener of the Australian Fair Trade and Investment Network and an honorary research associate in the Department of Political Economy at the University of Sydney. She has published widely in books, academic journals, newspapers and social media on the history of equal pay and the social impacts of globalisation and trade agreements. Pat argued that the CPTPP would entrench gender based pay discrimination in low paying occupations dominated by women, including retail, food service, day care/nursing homes and home health care attendants.