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NEW PODCAST PROMPTS RETHINK ON AUSTRALIA'S RESPONSE TO A 'POORER, MORE DANGEROUS AND MORE DISORDERLY' WORLD.

Today, Good Will Hunters podcast launched a new series *Australian Development and Foreign Policy*, produced and supported by Good Will Media and Communications.

In its first episode, author of Australia's most recent Foreign Policy White Paper, Richard Maude calls for an urgent update to the White Paper and comments:

"Foreign policy should be developed in open and contested ways – and by that I mean open to alternative ideas and viewpoints – not just within government, but outside government."

Commenting on the release, Rachel Mason Nunn, CEO of Good Will Media said:

"Bridi Rice's new podcast series crystallises the looming development crisis in our region for an Australian international affairs audience.

"With warmth, wit and her uncanny ability to translate complex concepts into plain English, this series is an important new year contribution to long term development thinking in this country.

Rice explains the motivation behind the series in its introductory episode:

"The COVID-19 economic and health crises aren't just costing jobs, lives and opportunities now. They risk unravelling the fabrics of social stability for years to come.

"COVID-19 will change Australia's international relations – we need to know and prepare for what increasing poverty means for our diplomacy, trade, security and development policy settings."

The series is hosted by Bridi Rice from the Australian Council for International Development. Future guests include development journalist Lisa Cornish, Asia Institute Research Fellow Melissa Conley Tyler and a senior DFAT Spokesperson.

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Further Information

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