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Catalyst returns with special 2-part series: *Feeding Australia*

Airs Tuesday 14 August at 8.30pm on ABC and ABC iview

Catalyst returns with a special 2-part series, *Feeding Australia*, where we reveal the key breakthroughs in science and technology that will shape what we might be eating in the coming decades.

Chef Paul West, Nutritionist Professor Clare Collins and Dr Noby Leong travel across Australia to meet the growers and scientists who are wrestling with the question of how we grow tasty and nutritious food as Australia's population continues to grow.

To many people, organic or wild caught food is the best and healthiest produce to eat. But in 2050, when Australia's population hits 37 million, we may have to find more sustainable ways to farm our food than nature currently provides.

The answers they encounter are surprising and thought provoking.

**Professor Clare Collins**

Clare Collins is a Professor of Nutrition and Dietetics and Fellow of the Dietitians Association of Australia. She is a National Health and Medical Research Council Senior Research Fellow.

As Director of Research for the School of Health Sciences, Faculty of Health and Medicine at the University of Newcastle, NSW, Australia, she leads the largest team of dietitian researchers internationally in assessing the impact of nutrition and dietary patterns on health and well-being at key life stages.

Paul West

Paul regularly hosts cooking demonstrations at food festivals around Australia and can be seen as a guest presenter on Gardening Australia, Back Roads and Catalyst. He is a passionate supporter of many charities, including National Parks and Wildlife Foundation, OZ Harvest, Earth Hour, REAP, NEST and Cure Cancer.

Paul is trained as a chef and has worked in all areas of food production, from WWOOFing (Willing Workers on Organic Farms) around Australia, growing fruit and vegetables, to cooking in the bistro of Melbourne's renowned Vue de Monde – where Paul served his apprenticeship as a chef and met his wife, Alicia.

Dr Noby Leong

For the last ten years, Dr Noby Leong has trained and worked as a scientist, completing a PhD in Organic Chemistry. Noby has also worked as a science communicator, editing the blog *The Other Side of Science* and contributing to many science publications across the web including the *Royal Institution of Australia* and *Nature*.

Noby loves to combine his scientific training with his love of food. He wants to discover the secrets of cooking, delve deep into our relationship with food and understand the science of what keeps us alive

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