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Pia Waugh started work as an Adviser to [Senator Kate Lundy](#) in April 2009. Prior to this she was a consultant at [Waugh Partners](#) in Sydney, Australia. She has also worked as a Research Coordinator for the Australian Service for Knowledge on Open Source Software ([ASK-OSS](#)), the Open Source strategist for a large systems integrator and still works to develop the Australian FOSS industry and improve Government policies towards FOSS. She has been working with Free & Open Source Software (FOSS) such as Linux for about 8 years. She has seen FOSS deliver not only economic benefits to countries and business all around the world, but significant social and environmental benefits to communities everywhere.

Pia co-wrote a paper called "[The Foundations of Openness](#)" with the OSS-Watch project at Oxford University. It covers her ideas around openness beyond FOSS, and the impact of closed/open approaches to licensing, knowledge, governance, standards and the market.

Pia is a community leader both in Australia and internationally. She is a founding member of [OLPC Friends](#), a community-based organisation focused on bringing the OLPC vision to Australia, New Zealand and the Pacific. She was at various times also the President of [Software Freedom International](#), the President (then VP) of [Linux Australia](#), and on the [linux.conf.au 2007](#) organising team. She has spoken at Software Libre in Brazil, FOSS events in China, the Open Source World Conferences in Spain, the World Summit of Information Society (United Nations) in Switzerland, linux.conf.au in New Zealand and linux.conf.au, education au, Making Links, various [TechGirls](#) events and many more in Australia! She is passionate about improving the world by getting great technologies to people who need them, and creating a well-connected global society where anyone can play and succeed.