

The Funding of Political Parties and Election Campaigns

9:00 – 4:00, Friday 15 June 2007

Council Chamber, Hunter Building,
Victoria University Wellington, Kelburn Campus

Who should set the rules governing the funding of political parties and expenditure on elections, and what should those rules be?

A symposium jointly sponsored by Transparency International New Zealand (TINZ) and the Institute of Policy Studies, School of Government, Victoria University of Wellington

9.00 – 9:15	Welcome <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Gerald McGhie – Chairman, Transparency International NZ• Professor Jonathan Boston, Institute of Policy Studies, School of Government, Victoria University of Wellington
9:15 – 9:30	Opening address <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dr Paul Harris – Chairman, former Chief Executive, Electoral Commission
9:30 – 9:55	Current law and practice in New Zealand <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dr Helena Catt – Chief Executive, Electoral Commission
9:55 – 10:25	Lessons from abroad <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dr Joo-Cheong Tham – Melbourne Law School, University of Melbourne
10:25 – 10:40	Questions from the floor
10:40 – 11:00	Morning tea
11:00 – 11:55	Introduction <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Associate Professor Raymond Miller – Department of Political Studies, University of Auckland Lessons from the past and comments on the Labour-led Government's reform proposals <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Associate Professor Andrew Geddis – Law School, University of Otago, and• Steven Price, spokesperson – Coalition for Open Government
11:55 – 12:15	Discussion from the floor
12:15 – 12:55	The old hands' views <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Steven Joyce – former General Manager, National Party• Richard Northey – former Labour MP and former Chair of the Electoral Law Select Committee
12:55 – 2:00	Lunch
2:00 – 3:15	Perspectives from party presidents <ul style="list-style-type: none">• New Zealand First – Doug Woolerton• Greens – Dr Russell Norman• Māori Party – Whatarangi Winiata• United – Murray Smith• Act – Gary Mallett• National – Judy Kirk• Labour – Mike Williams
3:15 – 3:50	Discussion from the floor
3:50 – 4:00	Summary from the chair

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