

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

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