

WHO CARES ABOUT NEW ZEALAND'S WAISTLINE?

Wellington: Monday 18 October. 9.30 am to 5 pm
Old Government Building, Lambton Quay

The purpose of this seminar is to examine the evidence base for public health measures which will reduce the risk of obesity and its comorbidities, thereby encouraging a range of sectors to act on this growing problem. The approach will be based on the concept that a range of "Actor Groups" has responsibility for making policy and taking decisions which have an effect on public health. Researchers will present the case for evidence based action and representatives of the Actor Groups (government, civil society organisations, media, industry, workplace/institutions, schools and families) will respond regarding what has been done and could be done in New Zealand.

Speakers will include:

- ◆ The Hon Tariana Turia (Associate Minister of Health)
- ◆ Robert Beaglehole (Co-director, International Public Health Consultants, Auckland)
- ◆ Heather Gifford (Director, Whakauae Research for Māori Health and Development)
- ◆ Mark Hawthorne (Managing Director, McDonald's New Zealand)
- ◆ Matt McCarten (National Secretary, Unite Union)
- ◆ Jim Mann (Professor of Human Nutrition and Medicine, University of Otago)
- ◆ Lorelei Mason (Health Reporter, ONE News)
- ◆ Shane Ngatai (Principal, Rhode Street School, Hamilton)
- ◆ Grant Schofield (Professor of Public Health, Auckland University of Technology)
- ◆ Moana Tane (Chief Executive, Te Hotu Manawa Māori)
- ◆ Rachael Taylor (Karitane Senior Research Fellow in Early Childhood Obesity, University of Otago)
- ◆ Jim Tully (Head of School of Social and Political Sciences, University of Canterbury)

The seminar will be held in Law Lecture Theatre GBLT2. Lunch will be provided.

Given the expected interest in the seminar and the need to restrict numbers early registration is essential. There will be no registration fee for attendance but places will be allocated on a 'first in first served' basis.

Please email Margaret Johnston (margaret.johnston@otago.ac.nz) to register.