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Symposium 2011. 'Who is Responsible for New Zealand's Waistline?'

The Edgar National Centre for Diabetes and Obesity Research, in conjunction with the [Centre for Translational Research in Chronic Diseases](#), hosted a seminar in Dunedin on Friday, 25 March 2011. The purpose of this seminar was to follow-up and maintain momentum gained from the symposium held at the end of 2010 entitled '[Who Cares About New Zealand's Waistline?](#)'

The symposium in 2011 was entitled 'Who is Responsible for New Zealand's Waistline?'. Members of Parliament spoke and the keynote address was given by Professor Stephan Rössner. Professor Rössner is Emeritus Professor in Health Related Behavioural Science at the Karolinska Institute, a medical university in Stockholm, Sweden. He is active at the Department of Medicine, Huddinge and is the primary investigator for several studies and clinical trials. With over 40 years of experience in the obesity field he commented on public health measures which might be expected to help reduce the obesity epidemic based on his experience in Sweden and elsewhere.

The seminar programme outline is available below:

Programme:

10.00 - 10.15am	Welcome and overview: Professor Jim Mann, Director ENCDOR
10.15 - 10.45am	Associate Professor Rachael Taylor, Karitane Senior Research Fellow in Early Childhood Obesity Schools and families: what role do they play in obesity prevention?
10.45 - 11.00am	Morning tea
11.00 - 12.00pm	Professor Stephan Rössner, Emeritus Professor at the Karolinska Institute, Stockholm, S Obesity, the epidemic of the 21st century?
12.00 - 12.30pm	Sue Kedgley, MP (Green Party)
12.30 - 1.30pm	Lunch
1.30 - 1.45pm	Hon Pete Hodgson, MP (Labour Party)
1.45 - 2.00pm	Michael Woodhouse, MP (National Party)
2.15 - 4.00pm	Research Meeting

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