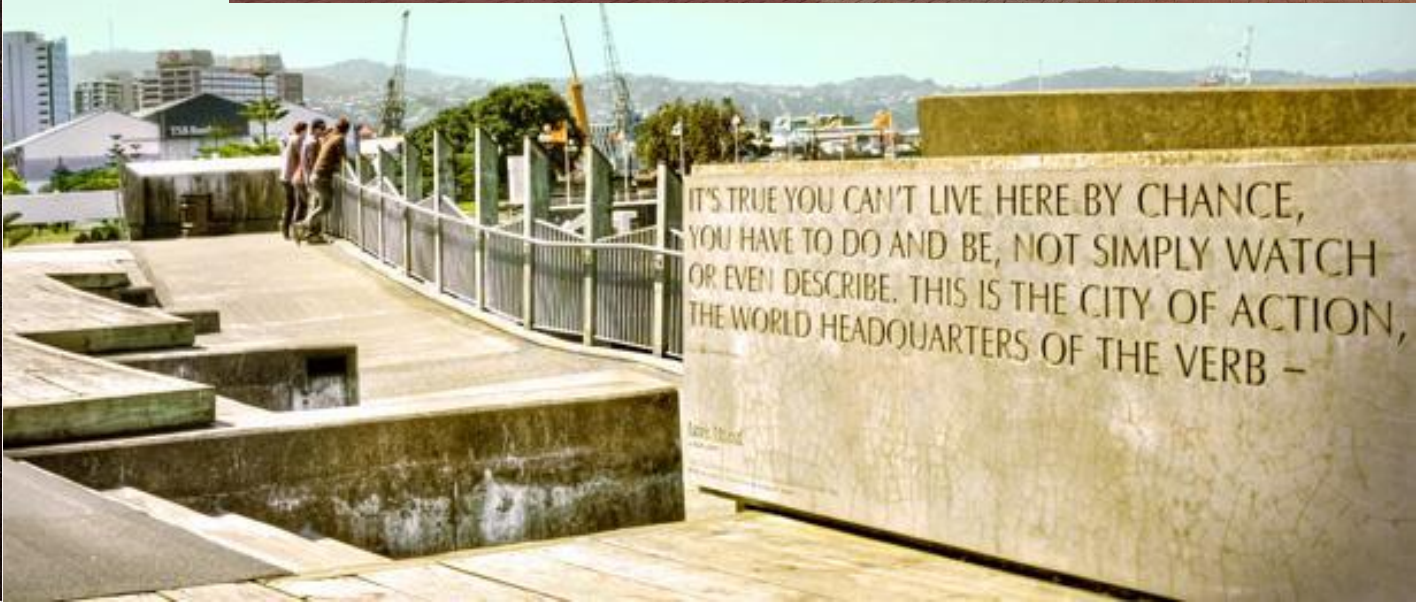


THE TPPA AND HEALTH- A NEW ZEALAND PERSPECTIVE

PSI Regional Workshop on Quality
Public Services: Bangkok, Thailand
October 2103

Marilyn Head
New Zealand Nurses Organisation





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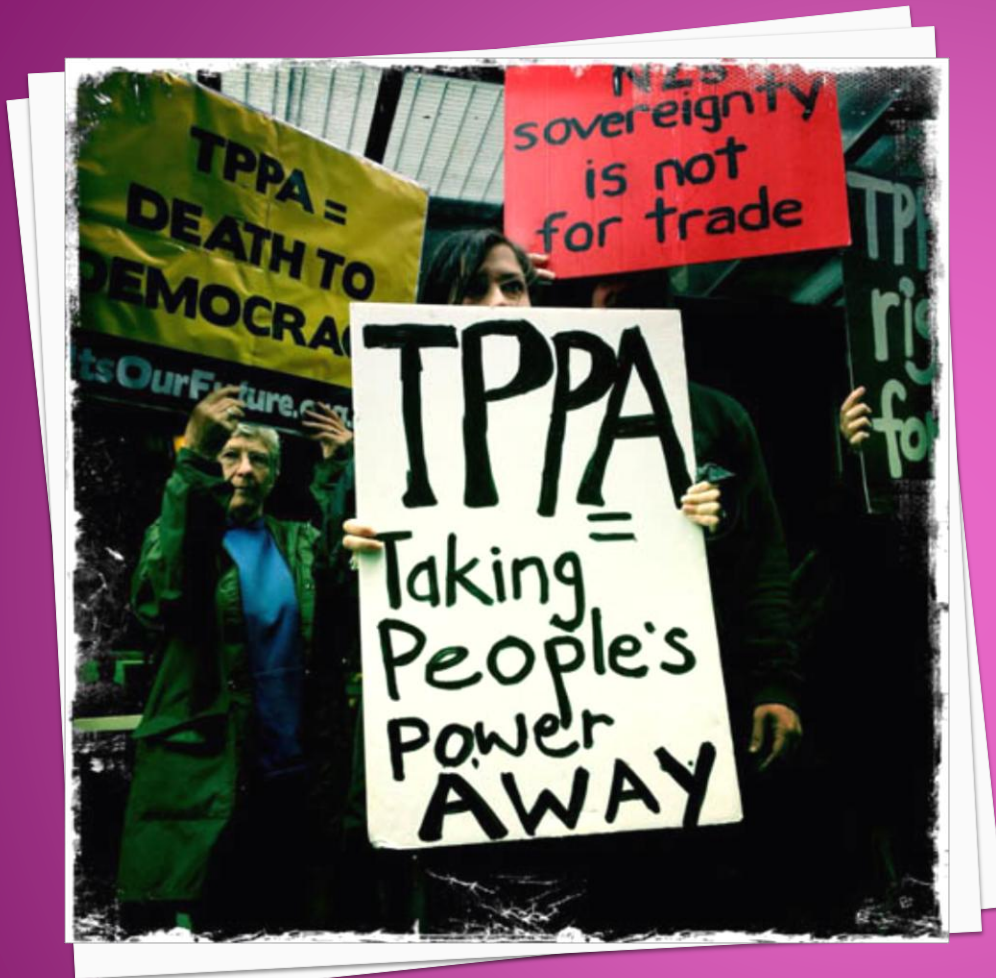


- Issues for health
- Key collaborations
- Strategies

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ISSUES FOR HEALTH

1. Increased cost of medicines → decreased access, increased inequity: PHARMAC
2. Ability to legislate for public good - chilling factor of ISDS - investor state dispute settlement

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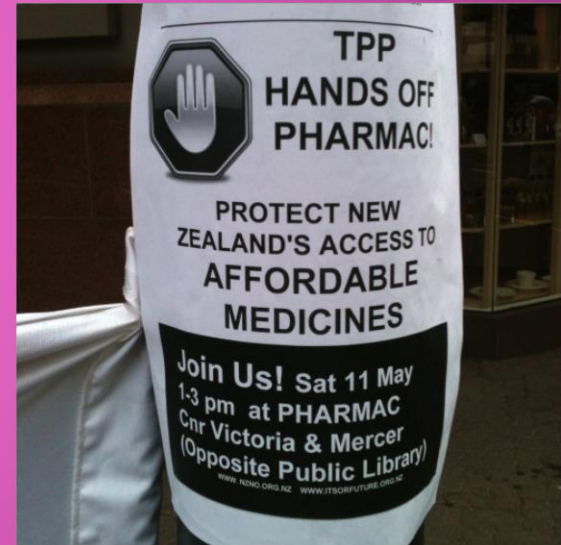
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PHARMAC

1. Extended patents
2. 'Transparency' annex

“The most glaring omission is the US proposal for extended patents on medicines which would delay cheaper generic medicines and mean higher medicine prices, and proposals to limit the ability of governments to regulate both wholesale and retail prices to ensure that medicines are affordable.”



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ISDS

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TPPA in a nutshell
US Corp lobbyists drafted
TPPA
US Corp & Govt expand
power
US Corp lawyers can sue
NZ
NZ can't win. GET OUT

- Gives foreign investors the right to sue governments for making laws which affect their investments, even if the legislation is in the best interests of citizens.
- 'Chill' factor for public good legislation

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CAMPAIGN ALLIANCES



AOTEAROA
NEW ZEALAND
2025

Fonterra plans a coal mine here!

Fonterra's subsidiary Glencol is seeking planning permissions for an open cut coal mine on 10 ha of farmland between Silt and Mangawhiri Rd. This is to replace the coal from their existing Kopyke III mine on Pukekohe Rd which will run out of coal in 2014. It supplies their 3 dairy factories at Winton, Te Awamutu and Hastings. However Fonterra does have other options. (see over)

Production is planned to be 120,000 tonnes/y.

Removal of "overburden" (other name for the soil and all the life it supports) would begin late this year with coal removal starting in 2014. Coal would be crushed in the crushing and processing plant on the old site, then trucked to the dairy factories. An increase of 15 trucks a day (100 tonnes extra trucks at the peak).

Glencol owns the coal so will pay no royalties to the public and needs no minerals permit. It does, however, need RMA consent and that is where the public has a say.

What you can do
Make a submission opposing consent for the mine. Details on our website.
If you are a milk supplier, write to Fonterra and ask them to stop using coal and change to wood chips which don't damage the climate.

AUCKLAND COAL ACTION
for further information or to offer help go to:
www.aucklandcoalaction.org

COAL COOKS THE CLIMATE

The local effects of coal mining are not pleasant - dust, noise, traffic, potentially water issues with mine dewatering. But even more significant is the role of coal in changing the climate. Farmers depend on for their livelihoods.

We have seen the effects of climate change beginning with more powerful storms (the Sandy series floods and droughts. Records are being broken constantly - we've just had the driest January for 50 years, the hottest Australian summer on record, the hottest year on record in the US, the most severe Arctic ice melt ever. It's too late for argument, it's time to act.

Worldwide, coal is the biggest source of rising carbon dioxide levels which have already reached danger point. If we are to have any hope of stabilising the climate at a safe level we must start phasing out coal now. There is a finite mine coal already discovered and counted as an asset on the books of fossil fuel companies that can only be burned safely to 60% of known coal reserves must stay in the ground. The NZ economy is more dependent on a foreign climate than any other developed country.

It is time for clean energy for the sake of our children and our economy.

Fonterra has options

Fortunately NZ is very well endowed with renewable energy. While this coal would be exceptionally cheap, wood chips from logging waste could be supplied reliably from forests within the one day drive that wouldn't greatly affect the economics of the dairy industry. Fonterra has been challenged to use wood waste before, but it is not successful.

Farmers should be concerned at the possible effect on our meadows when our meadows burn that are milk powder in dried and our chicken and baby formula made with the dirtiest, most climate-changing fuel.

www.aucklandcoalaction.org

SAY YEAH, NAH
AND EASE UP ON THE DRINK



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PHARMAC
Pharmaceutical Management Agency





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NZ IS NOT
FOR SALE

NATIONAL / INTERNATIONAL



Council of Trade
Unions
Professional assns
Universities
Church/social
policy gps
Industry
Media



Australian Public
Health Association

Medicine

San Frontiers



PUBLICCITIZEN

United Public Workers
for Action (UPWA).
Greenpeace



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RALLY AGAINST TPPA

2PM SATURDAY
DECEMBER 8th
SQUARE
.org.nz



Target Groups - Tailor Action

- ◉ Negotiators
- ◉ Public
- ◉ Sector Groups - VIPs
- ◉ Universities
- ◉ Politicians
- ◉ Government
- ◉ Activists
- ◉ Industry
- ◉ Research
- ◉ Public Info/entertainment
- ◉ Workshops
- ◉ Lecture
- ◉ Resources - multi-media multi-lingual, multiple audiences
- ◉ Media - celebrity video, press releases & open letters (joint national & international), debates, 'champions', journalists - especially columnists and specialists, Op Eds, radio, letters to the editor
- ◉ Public involvement e.g. cartoon competition, petitions, marches (SING!), festivals, markets



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STRATEGIES



NO magic bullet!

- ✓ Website (keep TISA) & Comms
- ✓ Identify target groups and tailor action to suit
- ✓ Use existing campaigns, alliances and networks
- ✓ Plan ahead - have information in all forms; have speakers; presentations; petitions
- ✓ Easier to get a small group to do something than a large number of people - go easy on 'national' events
- ✓ High profile media events
- ✓ Little and often
- ✓ Conserve energy!



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I urge this Government to support the Malaysian Government's proposal. It is the most promising indication yet that governments have the ability and will to stand up to corporate giants for the protection of its people, particularly from the devastating social financial and personal harm caused by tobacco.

Tariana Turia Co-leader of the Māori Party

“If a final draft of the TPP erodes the rights or threatens the livelihoods of workers in any participating countries, we will oppose it at every political level and demand that you reopen negotiations, just as we would in collective bargaining with any employer who proposed a bad contract.

Australian, Aotearoa NZ & Nth American Dairy Workers Unions”

Acknowledgement: PSI



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