



New Zealand - Environmental Policy Pioneers

12.30 - 5pm, Thursday 20th of September, 2012
Senatssaal, Henry Ford Bau, Freie Universität Berlin

What?

Motu Economic and Public Policy Research and Berlin Freie Universität's Forschungszentrum für Umweltpolitik invite you to a half-day symposium on New Zealand environmental policy. The symposium will present an overview of recent environmental policy in New Zealand, with a focus on New Zealand's greenhouse gas Emissions Trading Scheme and on New Zealand's innovative market approach to water quality management. There will be a particular focus on the potential role for, and ongoing challenges of, market-based instruments to achieve environmental goals both in New Zealand and Europe. The symposium will include brief presentations, interactive learning games, videos, and plenty of time for questions and discussion. An agenda and further information are attached overleaf.

Who?

The symposium will present a user-friendly synthesis of recent environmental policy and economics research that will be of interest to a wide audience. It is envisaged that the symposium will be of particular relevance to those tackling environmental policy problems, including central and state government, environmental NGOs, the agricultural industry, and researchers.

Registration?

There is no cost for attendance but please register with hugh.mcdonald@motu.org.nz. Feel free to circulate this invitation to others who you think may be interested.

More information?

Further information on the event can be found at www.motu.org.nz/research/detail/berlin_event

Who are we?

Motu Economic and Public Policy Research is a New Zealand based non-profit research institute that carries out high quality, long-term, socially beneficial research programmes. We aim to promote well-informed debate on public policy issues, with a particular focus on environmental issues. Please visit www.motu.org.nz for more information.

Forschungszentrum für Umweltpolitik (FFU) is an international team of social science researchers and students based at Freie Universität Berlin who research, study, and provide policy advice related to environmental and sustainable energy politics and policies. The FFU community is engaged in academic as well as more policy-oriented research. In addition, the FFU offers one of the broadest social science educational programs on energy and the environment for under-graduate and graduate students in Europe. Visit www.polsoz.fu-berlin.de/ffu for more information.

Agenda

Time	Item	Who
12.30pm	Introduction and Overview An introduction to New Zealand's environmental policy, with a focus on water quality and greenhouse gas emissions policy.	Suzi Kerr
New Zealand environmental policy: Water quality		
1pm	Market trading game Explore the basic principles of environmental markets through an interactive game.	Hugh McDonald
1.30pm	Water quality markets: Experience to date? How successful has water quality trading policy been in New Zealand? What does the Lake Taupo experience have to tell us about the design of future policies?	Hugh McDonald
2pm	Water quality policy in Europe/Germany How does Europe deal with water quality problems? How does this differ from New Zealand's approach, and what are the results?	TBC, discussion
2.30pm	Equity and allocation issues How have equity issues been dealt with in New Zealand? Watch a brief film that illustrates the issues faced by local stakeholders around Lake Rotorua.	Video and discussion
3.00pm	Afternoon tea	
New Zealand environmental policy: Greenhouse gas emissions		
3.15pm	New Zealand's Emissions Trading Scheme Overview of New Zealand's ETS with a focus on key areas of difference from the European scheme: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Upstream point of obligation • Importance of overseas links • Forestry (carbon sink) credits 	Suzi Kerr
4pm	Ongoing challenges What are the ongoing challenges to the success of market policies in New Zealand? For both emissions trading and water quality: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Investment (un)certainty • Links to developing countries • Agriculture: How can the rural community contribute to solving environmental issues? And how can this be maximised? 	Suzi Kerr
4.30pm	European/German perspective	Miranda Schreurs
5pm	Drinks and further discussion	