



# New Zealand - Environmental Policy Pioneers

12.30 - 5pm, Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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](http://www.motu.org.nz/research/detail/berlin_event)

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## 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](http://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](http://www.polsoz.fu-berlin.de/ffu) for more information.

## Agenda

Time	Item	Who
12.30pm	<b>Introduction and Overview</b> An introduction to New Zealand's environmental policy, with a focus on water quality and greenhouse gas emissions policy.	Suzi Kerr
<b>New Zealand environmental policy: Water quality</b>		
1pm	<b>Market trading game</b> Explore the basic principles of environmental markets through an interactive game.	Hugh McDonald
1.30pm	<b>Water quality markets: Experience to date?</b> 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	<b>Water quality policy in Europe/Germany</b> 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	<b>Equity and allocation issues</b> 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	<b>Afternoon tea</b>	
<b>New Zealand environmental policy: Greenhouse gas emissions</b>		
3.15pm	<b>New Zealand's Emissions Trading Scheme</b> Overview of New Zealand's ETS with a focus on key areas of difference from the European scheme: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Upstream point of obligation</li> <li>• Importance of overseas links</li> <li>• Forestry (carbon sink) credits</li> </ul>	Suzi Kerr
4pm	<b>Ongoing challenges</b> 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"> <li>• Investment (un)certainty</li> <li>• Links to developing countries</li> <li>• Agriculture: How can the rural community contribute to solving environmental issues? And how can this be maximised?</li> </ul>	Suzi Kerr
4.30pm	<b>European/German perspective</b>	Miranda Schreurs
5pm	<b>Drinks and further discussion</b>	