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End of year Guest Lecture

For our final Guest Lecture of the year Gabs Makhoulf, Secretary to the Treasury will provide an update on the work the Treasury is doing on the Living Standards Framework as a prelude to our Guest Lecture from Jonathon Boston and Judy Lawrence.

Guest Lecturers: Jonathan Boston & Judy Lawrence

The case for new climate change adaptation funding instruments

Abstract

New Zealand faces unprecedented and new challenges arising from the impacts of climate change. Impacts will compound existing natural hazards and create new hazards across the economy as impacts increase in intensity and duration, and in some cases, accelerate beyond the capacity of people and our institutions to adapt. This suggests anticipatory adaptive measures are required to enable timely and orderly transitions, some of which will necessitate transformational adaptation. In addition to new tools currently being adopted in New Zealand to manage changing risk profiles, there is a case for new funding mechanisms for climate change adaptation to be implemented because our current funding mechanisms are designed for past states of change and not for the Anthropocene. We will set out the case for new funding mechanisms for adaptation (including why current ones are inadequate), design principles for new funding mechanisms and allocative criteria that will need to be satisfied for equitable and efficient implementation of the funding mechanisms.

About the presenters

Judy's research focuses on institutional and regulatory design issues arising from climate change impacts and on adaptive planning tools for decision-making under uncertainty. She leads two projects on cascading climate change impacts and adaptive tools in the Deep South Science Challenge and contributes to the Resilience Governance and Living Edge projects in the Resilience Science Challenge.

Jonathan is a former Director of the Institute for Policy Studies and former Director of the Institute for Governance and Policy Studies at Victoria University, and served as co-chair of the Expert Advisory Group on Solutions to Child Poverty in 2012-2013. He has published on a wide variety of policy issues, including tertiary education funding, research funding, the design of the welfare state, child poverty and climate change.

Please help us celebrate another great year of Treasury Guest Lectures and join us for a light afternoon tea at the end of the presentations.