

'Adopt an MP': Labour briefing by MFAT next week

We have had a great response to the campaign to visit and educate our MPs about what's at stake with TPPA. We now have 38 MPs covered. Labour's caucus is about to be briefed by MFAT **next Wednesday** so it's a great time to visit them. [Sign up now](#) for your local MP through the 'adopt an MP' tab the [website](#). You will receive an information pack with discussion points, links to fact sheets and the party policies we can find.

Chile's ex-chief negotiator drops a bombshell

Proof that even TPP lead negotiators think the TPPA is dangerous! Chile's former chief Rodrigo Contreras published an [opinion piece](#) just before the Lima round warning that the current text could become 'a threat for our countries: it will restrict our development options in health and education, in biological and cultural diversity, and in the design of public policies and the transformation of our economies.' And it was likely to spark a backlash from social movements.

5 July: Wgtn Chamber of Commerce roundtable with NZ's TPPA negotiator

The Wellington Employers' Chamber of Commerce is hosting a [roundtable](#) with New Zealand's chief negotiator for TPP, David Walker, on 5 July. It's free. Sign up on their website, or get creative

Want to set up a meeting with NZ TPPA negotiators?

NZ's chief TPPA negotiator is holding meetings in various parts of the country from June to August. They are still sorting out the schedule. [Tell them](#) you want them to come and talk to your groups, not only in the main centres. We will send details around when they are sorted so you can choose to let them know your views inside or outside the meeting.

Activists hard at work at the 18th Lima round

The 18th round of TPPA negotiations in Lima, Peru has just finished. For news, videos, publications from the Lima round so far see: <http://www.citizen.org/round-17-lima>. Other highlights are:

- a video: [Our rights are not negotiable](#), with English subtitles
- an EFF dispatch from the [picket line](#) outside the closed-door **#TPP**
- a new [cartoon video](#) on Internet and TPPA from Electronic Frontier Foundation.
- a [petition](#) setting bottom lines for any more concessions to the US. Peru's [Redge](#) activists have a strong 'TPP not negotiable' campaign on mining that profiled the dispute (in Spanish). (Peru already has a US FTA.).

A New Global Alliance Forms To Fight For A Fair Deal On Copyright Online

[OurFairDeal.org](#) takes the NZ based campaigns a [giant leap forward](#) with a global alliance of 84 lobby groups demanding a fair deal in Global copyright and trade in intellectual property (including branded goods). The alliance spans 6 countries across the Asia Pacific including US-based Fight for the Future, the Australian Library & Information Association, Japan-based Movement for the Internet Active Users and US-based Open Media.

Monsanto, TPPA and International Day of Action

The GE/TPPA link featured in marches around the country as part of the international day of action against Monsanto in around 40 countries. In Christchurch Christine Dann gave a great speech to around 300 people. Graeme O'Brien spoke to the rally at Nelson. Some members of the new group 'It's Our Future; It's Our Food' spoke at the [March Against Monsanto rally in Auckland](#), raising awareness about how TPPA could open the door to unlabelled GMOs in our food supply.

'It's Our Future; It's Our Food'

A number of food sovereignty activists concerned about the various impacts that the TPPA will have on food systems have formed 'It's Our Future; It's Our Food'. They are preparing material and projects in lead up to the Malaysia round of negotiation in July. Keep updated with food-related TPP news at their [facebook page](#) and watch this space for more action!

Impact of TPPA on innovation and artists

Electronic Frontiers Foundation [explains](#) how the US proposed intellectual property chapter in the TPPA lifts and exports some of the worst parts of the US copyright regime to the rest of the world, and how it "could debilitate the very people they supposedly meant to benefit: innovators and artists."

TPPA would lock governments into Casino deal

National's pokies-for-convention centre deal tries to tie future governments down through the heads of agreement contract. Jane Kelsey pointed out in a [Herald op ed](#) that governments could be sued under the TPPA in off-shore pro investor tribunals for changing laws that did not directly breach the contract. There are lots of US [shareholders](#) in Sky City already.

Jane Kelsey's e-book *Hidden Agendas: What we need to know about the TPPA*

Latest NZ analysis in short e-book *Hidden Agendas: What we need to know about the TPPA*. Downloadable copy online for \$4.99 at www.bwb.co.nz. Let us know if you have problems accessing it.

Other new resources and media

Friends of the Earth video, "[Peril in the Pacific](#)" explains how countries are impacted by the Trans-Pacific Partnership

More than 130 organisations have [come out](#) against TPPA-style agreements. calling them a "deadly weapon" against democratic rule, the protection of individual rights and environmental justice.

Great piece on [tobacco in Huffington Post](#) on 'How the tobacco companies are gaining ground in promoting coffin nails for the world through TPP'.