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IT'S OUR FUTURE NZ TPPA NEWS BULLETIN #38 IMPORTANT UPDATE 31 AUGUST 2013

DEADLINE IS DECEMBER

The timeline to finish the TPPA is now December. The first political trade-offs are likely at the APEC ministers' and leaders' meetings in Bali in early October. Their 'end game' trade-offs are likely when the trade ministers meet at the WTO conference in Bali on 3-4 December.

Secrecy gets worse

There will be no more formal rounds. From now on the TPPA process goes completely underground. Groups negotiating the unfinished chapters will meet every 3-4 weeks to get them ready for political deals. When and where they meet will be secret. There will be no access for 'stakeholders'. Many meetings are likely to be in Washington, chaired by US. The chief negotiators will meet separately in three weeks time, before APEC, to plan their strategy to December.

Can they do it?

The 19th – and 'last' – round in Brunei has just finished. It was described as 'difficult' with [minimal progress](#). This may be deliberate misinformation. As [Jane Kelsey](#) warned before Brunei, if political leaders want a deal for the sake of a deal they may force an outcome and damn the consequences. That is looking increasingly likely.

Some Major Sticking Points

There are some very big obstacles. The main ones are intellectual property and SOEs:

Pharmac – a new US proposal is pending on patents for medicines. Rumour is that it may be less terrible for some countries, but will still screw NZ. The new Patent Act that just passed would have to be changed.

Internet – was not negotiated in Brunei. New texts are said to be floating around. Governments could do deals on this.

SOEs – is a dog's breakfast. The original US text attacks SOEs, which are hugely important to some TPPA countries, but affects us as well. Now the US and Australia are pushing a combined text that is unworkable and the others don't want. This is the least

likely chapter to be concluded by December.

THINGS TO DO

DEMO 4 DEMOcracy rallies, Sunday 1 September

On September 1st there will be nationwide rallies to unite Kiwis concerned about the loss of democracy in Aotearoa New Zealand. Foreign control, corporate takeover of education, asset sales, GE food, pesticides, the health system, unsustainable farming and fishing, destructive mining, and the TPPA are destroying our future. [Whangarei](#), [Tauranga](#), [Gisborne](#), [Palmerston Nth](#), [Wellington](#), [Nelson](#), [Christchurch](#), [Dunedin](#).

Workers speak out & launch petition about TPPA

Thirteen unions from TPPA countries launched an [online petition](#) on 26 August to remove the investor-state dispute settlement (ISDS) and protect core international labor standards in TPPA. A [video](#) of workers from TPPA nations explains how it will impact on their wages and employment rights, environment, public health, access to medicines, and expand corporate power.

Support Malaysia's move for total tobacco carveout

Malaysia wants tobacco to be totally excluded from the TPPA. At the same time, the US has tabled a useless exception that does nothing. The 12 countries are meant to consult on both proposals. [National](#) must support Malaysia if it is really committed to Smokefree 2025. Tell health minister [Tony Ryall](#), [Tariana Turia](#), [Annette King](#) and [Kevin Hague](#): Yes to Malaysia's carveout, No to the US proposals – but the only way to protect all parts of health is No to the TPPA.

Update on Adopt an MP

The feedback from visits to MPs – and those who refused to have visits – are being collated and will be in the next bulletin so you can see where the politicians stand.

Where will Labour's new leader stand?

Given that Phil Goff is still Labour's trade spokesperson and is an unreconstructed champion of the TPPA, it will be important to find out where the new Labour leader stands. We will set up a campaign to find this out once we know who they are.

New Campaign

An exciting new mass campaign is being developed. Watch the next bulletin.

OTHER NEWS

GCSB and TPPA

The links between spying and the TPPA were to the fore during the campaign against the GCSB Bill. For how TPPA would stop effective privacy laws see Daily Blog on [TPPA and the Rise of the Mass Surveillance State](#). On how global Internet rules work for PRISM and other spy tools listen to Jane Kelsey at Auckland Town Hall meeting on [GCSB Bill and TPPA](#) (at 47mins)

Chilean Senators Request Public Debate

Three Chilean senators have asked the President to [open public debate about TPPA](#), requesting "timely and accurate" information on its effects on Chile's economic and international relationships, including its relationship with China. This reflects skepticism in Chile that TPPA promises no real benefits at significant cos.

Rally in Madison, Wisconsin on TPPA threat to family farms

A '[Flush the Trans-Pacific Partnership](#)' rally in Madison, Wisconsin. [Speakers](#) the threat to US dairy farmers from agricultural liberalisation and to the US public in light of Fonterra's poor health safety record.

New resources

Sue Pugmire's [Anti-TPPA Song](#).

Potential for US demands to Split TPP Countries, [Radio NZ](#), 19 August 2013

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