

**URGENT: Labour Party conference— urge your Labour MP to make a stand against the TPPA**

Two remits critical of the TPPA that were unanimously passed at the Labour Party's Wellington Regional Convention will be debated at the Party's national conference in Auckland on 16-18 November. The remit texts are available [here](#). Encourage Labour's leaders, MPs and delegates to take a strong position against the TPPA at the conference. Email [David Shearer](#) and [Labour MPs](#) that 'TPP is not for me! Support the Wellington resolutions'.

**NATIONAL DAY OF ACTION 8 DECEMBER**

What can you do in your home town? People are planning really creative actions across the country, from flash-mobs to Lady Godiva! Let your imagination run wild! Email [Stephen Parry](#) for details and to be put in touch (discreetly) with others.

**TPPA working bee at Unite Union this Saturday, 2 pm**

Come along to Unite Union (6a Western Springs Rd. Kingsland, Auckland) this Saturday 17 November for a working bee to paint banners, build props, etc for December actions. Bring a paintbrush and ideas!

**Reminder: \$1500 Prizes in TPPA Cartoon Competition**

For amateurs and professionals. Special \$500 prize for students. [Entries](#) close 23<sup>rd</sup> November.

**Registration for 'stakeholder' day at TPP negotiations ends Friday**

The so-called "stakeholder programme" on **Friday 7 December** is the only chance to make your voice heard inside the venue. "Stakeholders" can opt to make a "short" presentation 15 mins!) and attend a "stakeholder briefing" (where negotiators reveal nothing). [Register](#) by Friday 16 Nov.

**Why we need to protect PHARMAC: \$5 billion saved over the 12 years**

PHARMAC's [latest annual report](#) shows it has saved the NZ taxpayer \$5 billion over the past 12 years - and expanded access to medicines while staying within budget! PHARMAC says the \$5 billion figure is based on 1999 prices, actual prescribing, and comparing what would have happened if it had not taken action through negotiations and other initiatives. Without its efforts, savings would have to come from other areas of health spending. This is why we can't allow PHARMAC to be gutted by the TPPA.

**Wellington Aotearoa Is Not For Sale stylishly congratulate Australia for firm stand on ISDS**

On Melbourne Cup day a group of Wellington Aotearoa Is Not For Sale's activists gathered outside the Australian High Commission dressed in Aussie attire to congratulate Australia for taking its [stauch stance against Investor-State Dispute Settlement](#) in the TPPA, and to encourage New Zealand politicians in attendance to follow suit. A good time was had by all, and plenty of media were in attendance. Well done Wellington! Check out the photos [here](#).

**US Election and the TPPA**

With Obama's re-election it is business as usual for the TPPA negotiations, although he may take more political risks in his second term. To find out more what we might expect come listen to Lori Wallach (from Public Citizen) in the "TPP out of the Shadows" tour this month (details below).

## The more the merrier: Thailand plans to join the TPPA, Japan may announce the same

Bangkok Post reports that Thailand has [agreed to join](#) the TPPA negotiations in a move to be formally announced during Obama's visit there on Sunday. Meanwhile, the New York Times [reports](#) that Japanese Prime Minister Noda is likely to "declare Japan's intent to join an ambitious pan-Pacific free trade agreement, then call a snap election in which the party would campaign on that move." From our viewpoint, the mre the merrier. New players at the table with complex domestic concerns will slow the talks even further and bring new activists into the campaign.

## GM labelling referendum fails in California

A referendum in California to require labelling of food products with GM contents has narrowly failed, despite being widely expected to succeed. Monsanto, PepsiCo, Coca-Cola, Kellogg, General Mills, DuPont, Bayer and other food and pesticide companies funded advertising and PR campaigns, with Big Agri Tech and corporate America spending over \$45 million to get 53% of voters to oppose the initiative.

[Debbie Swanwick](#), spokesperson for Soil & Health – Organic NZ, warns: "The failure of Prop 37 paves the way for the Trans Pacific Partnership Agreement, to be tabled in December this year, to demand revocation of existing GMO labeling laws in New Zealand". It also goes to show the strength of the US corporates when their interests are threatened, and why we should resist opening the door to them with the TPPA.

## TPPA comes to Aotearoa ... confirmed upcoming activities ... more to come!

- **23 Nov Wellington 7.30 pm**, bands at 8.30 pm. "TPPA? WTF!": Awareness raising concert at Newtown Community Centre featuring Newtown Rocksteady, Te Kupu (Upper Hutt Posse), and Hula Hope, plus speakers on the TPPA.
- **26 Nov Christchurch 12.30-2 pm**. Lori Wallach (US Public Citizen) and Jane Kelsey, 'Why all the fuss about investors' rights to sue under the Trans-Pacific Partnership Agreement?', School of Law, Canterbury University, Christchurch.
- **26 Nov Christchurch 5.30 – 7.45 pm**. Lori Wallach and Jane Kelsey, Knox Hall, Christchurch
- **27 Nov Wellington, 6.00-8.00pm**. Lori Wallach, Sanya Reid Smith (Third World Network), Jane Kelsey Loaves and Fishes, Wellington. Facebook event [here](#).
- **28 Nov Wellington 9am – 1pm**. TPPA symposium at Law School, VUW
- **3 Dec Auckland 8.30am** 1<sup>st</sup> day of TPPA negotiations, Sky City Convention Centre (details TBA)
- **4 Dec, Wellington midday**. March on Parliament, meeting at Midland Park, Wellington.
- **1-8 Dec Auckland** 'Having fun with TPP' Cartoon exhibition, BizDojo.Co.Space, Karangahape Road, Auckland.
- **8 Dec Auckland**. Free awareness raising concert at St Kevin's Arcade Auckland. Bands TBA

## Resources:

Selwyn Manning interviews Jane Kelsey on [Triangle TV](#)

[Fairfax](#) media assesses what Obama's win means for NZ

## Please share TPPA activities or good articles:

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