

To the Governor General

Petition concerning the Trans-Pacific Partnership Agreement (TPPA)

We, the UNDERSIGNED citizens and residents of Aotearoa New Zealand, PETITION Your Excellency:

1. to COMMAND the Government to put the question of proceeding with, or withdrawal from TPPA to a BINDING REFERENDUM; *and*
2. to PROHIBIT the Government from taking any binding treaty action UNLESS the People vote in favour; *and*
3. to REFUSE Assent to any enabling legislation UNLESS the People vote in favour.

Full name	Occupation (optional)	Contact detail (optional)	Signature

Information about this Petition

- The Governor General is the appointed **Guardian** of our democracy, which belongs to all the People, not to the representatives.
- The Government has **no** democratic mandate for TPPA.
- The Government kept the text **secret** from voters at the last election.
- Without information, we have **not** mandated our elected representatives.
- Because “trade agreements involve concessions over the **sovereign** rights of countries” (Tim Groser, Trade Minister, NZ Herald 7.7.12), the enormous and unprecedented **scale** of TPPA requires a **democratic** mandate.
- Once in force, withdrawal might be **impossible in practice**, so the deal could **not** be undone.

Information for signature collectors:

- Please be sure to print *this* Page 2 on the *back* of the page for signatures (Page 1). This makes sure that everyone, including the Governor, gets the *same* message. We might not be able to accept any signature sheets without this Page 2 printed on the back.
- Please follow the news and send all signed petition sheets to us in time for us to present them to the Governor General. We must present them to him well *before* enabling legislation for TPPA receives its third and final “reading” in the House of Representatives.
- We’ll send a “call” out for as many petitioners as possible to **assemble en masse** at the crunch time, to deliver the petition to the Governor – so contact details are most welcome.
- **Send to:** Petition to the Governor
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