

# THE DUNES Symposium

A PUBLIC POLICY FORUM FOR TOMORROW'S BUSINESS LEADERS

presented by the New Zealand Business Roundtable



## PROGRAMME SUMMARY

### THURSDAY 9 SEPTEMBER

- 9.15am Registration and coffee
- 10.00am *Welcome and Programme Outline*  
**Bill Day**, Vice-Chair, Business Roundtable, and **Catherine Isaac**, Communications Consultant, Business Roundtable
- 10.10am *Business Leadership in Public Policy: The Origins and Role of the Business Roundtable*  
Panel: **Bill Day** (chair), **Roger Kerr**, Executive Director, Business Roundtable, and **Dr Roderick Deane**, Chairman, Pacific Road Group
- 10.45am *Public Policy: Objectives and Principles*  
**Roger Kerr**
- 11.30am **POLICY FOCUS I: The New Zealand Economy: Challenges and Opportunities**  
**Dr Roderick Deane**
- 12.30pm LUNCH
- 1.30pm *Entrepreneurs and Governments: Soul Mates or Uncomfortable Bedfellows?*  
**Bill Day**, Chairman, Seaworks
- 2.30pm *Breakout discussion*
- 3.00pm *The Role of the Opposition in Shaping Public Policy*  
**Grant Robertson MP**, Labour Party Spokesperson for State Services, Tertiary Education and Special Education
- 3.45pm COFFEE
- 4.15pm **POLICY FOCUS II: Taking Stock of ACC**  
**Hon David Caygill**, Chairman, Electricity Commission & Former Chair, ACC
- 5.00pm *The Role of Business Leaders in Shaping Public Policy*  
Panel of Chief Executives
- 5.45pm Conclude for the day
- 6.45pm Pre dinner drinks

- 7.15pm DINNER  
**KEY NOTE ADDRESS: Risk**  
**Ralph Waters**, Chairman, Fletcher Building

### FRIDAY 10 SEPTEMBER

- 8.30am **POLICY FOCUS III: What is the Regulatory Role of Government?**  
**Hon Rodney Hide**, Minister for Regulatory Reform and Local Government
- 9.30am *Breakout discussion and coffee*
- 10.30am **POLICY FOCUS IV: Catching Australia By 2025**  
**Dr Don Brash**, Chair, 2025 Taskforce
- 11.15am **POLICY FOCUS V: Employment Relations**  
  
**DEBATE: "We Need Unions to Prevent Worker Exploitation"**  
**New Zealand Universities Debating Council teams**
- 12.15pm *Employment Relationships: Lessons from Australia*  
**Grace Collier**, Industrial Relations Consultant, New South Wales
- 1.00pm LUNCH
- 2.00pm **POLICY FOCUS VI: Reducing Long-Term Welfare Dependency: The Issues**  
**Catherine Isaac**, Member, Welfare Working Group
- 2.45pm *The Role of the Media in Shaping Public Policy*  
Panel: **Catherine Isaac** (chair), **Sean Plunket**, Host, *The Nation* and **Deborah Hill Cone**, Columnist.
- 3.30pm *Wrap up*  
**Roger Kerr**