



Institute for Governance and Policy Studies

A research institute of the School of Government

Annual Report 2018

2018 at a glance

	2018	2017
IGPS website unique views	6542	N/A
<i>Policy Quarterly</i> articles	49	56
<i>Policy Quarterly</i> article electronic views (via VUW Open Journal System)	22,138	N/A
<i>Policy Quarterly</i> article electronic views (directly via website)	1080	N/A
IGPS Events	37	30
Attendees at events	1785	1444

Overview

The Institute for Governance and Policy Studies is a public policy think tank, working to lift environmental, social and economic outcomes for New Zealand via research and engagement. We sit within the School of Government as part of the Victoria Business School.

We are governed by our charter, which re-established us in 2012 with a strong funding stream from the Gama Foundation. We want to:

- improve the way policy development and implementation work
- make our thinking easily accessible to the public
- achieve greater well-being and a more environmentally sustainable and socially equitable society for all New Zealanders.

Our charter has both research objectives, which involve undertaking and supporting high quality academic research, and outcome objectives, which involve engaging with a broader audience to make a direct difference to public policy to improve people's outcomes.

1. Administrative and Personnel

1.1 *Accommodation*

The IGPS retained the same accommodation on the third floor of Rutherford House which it has occupied since 2017. We have four office spaces, three for our staff and one for our associates, and nine work stations.

2.2 *Personnel*

In 2018, as planned, the IGPS hired two very experienced full-time senior researchers. We were lucky to get Dr Michael Fletcher and Dr Mike Joy in these roles. We also have a half-time administrator, David Larsen, who is an experienced journalist and editor. All these staff commenced in the middle of 2018. We currently have a full staff complement.

We also were well supported over the year by our research assistants, Thomas Anderson, Anna Barry and Sylvie McLean, who we engaged for varying periods through 2018. James Gluck also continued on an IGPS scholarship as a PhD scholar under the supervision of Associate Professor Michael Macaulay in the School of Government.

2.3 *Senior Associates*

The Institute was also well supported over the year by our senior associates, and their role continues to grow and evolve. We thank them all for their individual contributions. We welcomed additional Senior Associates to the IGPS, including Joey Au, Dr Catherine Knight,

Dr Chris Eichbaum, Dr Kennedy Graham, Keitha Booth, and Penny Ehrhardt. Regular quarterly meetings for Senior Associates with the Director and other staff were also held, with good attendance.

Associates were involved in a wide variety of work contributing to the fulfilment of the Institute's charter, both in terms of research and outcome objectives. The list below is not by any means comprehensive. However, it gives a flavour of a significant number of the contributions which our associates were making throughout the year. By any bench-mark, their collective contributions to the Institute are impressive.

Joey Au contributed to an article in the *State of the State New Zealand 2018* report on "Beyond GDP – Measuring New Zealand's progress", and a book chapter, "It is not just the economy, stupid..." in the book *Stardust and Substance. The New Zealand election of 2018*. Both these pieces were written jointly with the Head of the School of Government, Girol Karacaoglu.

Len Cook delivered a paper on "Using what keeps official statistics fit for any time and place for building a wider information (evidence) system for developing and applying policy" paper at the 16th Conference of IAOS, Paris, France, 19-21 September. Len also prepared a public submission on the proposed revision of the Statistics Act 1975 and on the proposed rewrite of the State Sector Act 1988. Len gave several well-attended talks, including "Holding Government to Account – an issue for the social services. Community Networks Aotearoa Hui. Wellington, "Poverty indicators Insights limits and opportunities" CPAG AGM, Auckland, "A Public-Sector Fit for the Information Age", IPANZ, Wellington, "The place of methods and concepts of official statistics in the widening of data access and use", NZ Statistical Association, Wellington, "A public service for the next 30 years" for the Fabian Society, Wellington, and "Looking back to look ahead – prospects for the next generation?", for the Family Network in Upper Hutt.

Geoff Bertram was extremely busy. He published several academic journal articles, including:

"Why Does the Cook Islands Still Need Overseas Aid?", *The Journal of Pacific History*, 2018 Vol. 53, No. 1, 44–63, <https://doi.org/10.1080/00223344.2018.1435966>.

"Economics and Development", Chapter 9 in G. Baldacchino (ed.) *The Routledge International Handbook of Island Studies: A World of Islands*, Abingdon and New York: Routledge, 2018, pp.202-246. (with Bernard Poirine).

"Comparing models of island economic development", Chapter 2 in Randall, J. (ed) *The 21st Century Maritime Silk Road Islands Economic Cooperation Forum: Annual Report on Global Islands 2017*, University of Prince Edward Island, Island Studies Press, 2018, pp.55-82.

In addition, Geoff made other contributions to the Institute's outcome objectives. His op eds included "A protection-racket line straight out of The Godfather", *Dominion Post* 4 April 2018, "A public business, not a service", and *Dominion Post* 13 September 2018, and "The power and the profits", *Dominion Post* 2 October.

Geoff also made several written submissions to government. These included submissions to the Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Committee on the International treaty examination of the Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership (CPTPP), 18 April, to the Tax Working Group on its Future of Tax: Submissions Background Paper, 30 April, to first report of the Electricity Price Review panel: distributors' profits, 19 September, on State Sector Reform proposals, on the first report of the Electricity Price Review panel, 24 October.

Geoff delivered presentations on several topics. These included: "Starving the beast in the Cook Islands: Why they still need development aid", IGPS/Fabians seminar 4 September, "The Chatham Islands (New Zealand): economic forces and governance", paper presented to 16th Islands of the World Conference 2018, Terschelling (Netherlands) 12-14 June, and (as an invited speaker) at IMF/PFTAC *Pacific High-level Dialogue on Capacity Development and Growth*, Nadi (Fiji) 6-7 December.

Derek Gill worked on the Fiscal Responsibility Approach, now part of the Public Finance Act, on which he published a discussion paper through the NZIER. This paper was further developed into a book chapter – "The Fiscal Responsibility Act 1994 The astonishing success of a weak non-binding policy", in *Successful Public Policy: Lessons from Australia and New Zealand 2019*, edited by Joannah Luetjens, Michael Mintrom and Paul 't Hart. Derek was jointly responsible for editing (with Jonathan Boston), the IGPS book *Social Investment A New Zealand Policy Experiment*. Derek has also wrote an article on "The challenges for decision makers facing catastrophic events - the case of tsunami risk in New Zealand" (with David Johnson & Terry Webb) *International Journal of Disaster Risk Science*. Derek contributed by making oral Submissions to the Accountability Review of the Office of the auditor General, and to the Office of the Clerk on long termism, and to the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet on long term insights. Lastly Derek acted as a commentator on an IGPS Panel on "Renewing the Public Service".

Judith Davey continued to publish her fortnightly Age Concern blog, which averaged a thousand views per month. With Rachel McAlpine, she conducted a survey of older bloggers (self-defined) to explore how blogging might contribute to social connectedness and protect against social isolation. The survey was conducted on-line and produced an international response. Together with senior associate Bob Stephens, she published a *Policy Quarterly* article on "New Zealand Retirement Income Policy as an Eco-system". Judith was awarded the Member of the New Zealand Order of Merit in 2018 for her work with older people.

Max Rashbrooke published his book *Government for the Public Good* and made a number of media appearances promoting it. A list of his media appearances and opinion pieces related to

the book is at <https://www.bwb.co.nz/books/government-public-good>. He also appeared using his Institute hat on Radio New Zealand discussing public sector salaries (<https://www.radionz.co.nz/news/on-the-inside/364670/what-should-happen-next-with-public-service-bosses-salaries>) and in *stuff* on the 2018 budget (<https://www.stuff.co.nz/national/politics/opinion/103997884/budget-shows-a-government-that-has-found-only-half-its-mojo>).

Catherine Knight contributed a chapter on freshwater governance to *Mountains to Sea: Solving New Zealand's Freshwater Crisis* (BWB Books) and she was one of three speakers at the book launch. Catherine wrote an op. ed. on environmental politics for *stuff* (<https://www.stuff.co.nz/environment/climate-news/107134354/the-public-is-ready-for-environmental-change-now-we-need-a-lead-from-politicians>). Catherine also took part in an IGPS panel discussion on “Renewing the Public Service”.

Peter McKinlay made a submission to government on the SSC discussion document on State Sector Reform. The principal focus of his work for much of the year has been on the implications of the new government's well-being policy, including the relationship between the application of the living standards framework approach within central government, including the budgetary process, and the changing purpose of local government which, once the current amendment bill is passed, will include the promotion of community well-being.

David Bromell co-taught GOVT539 (Politics, Philosophy and Public Policy) with Jonathan Boston. He has continued as a member of the editorial board and a peer reviewer for *Policy Quarterly*. David wrote a submission on the Treasury discussion document on embedding wellbeing in the Public Finance Act. Finally, David was in residence at the Institute during November and December 2018, writing a book for Springer on people, skills and ethical competencies for politics and public policy. He presented on this project at the New Zealand Political Studies Association conference.

Colin James contributed two *Policy Quarterly* articles. The first was on Chris Hipkins' plans for state sector reform. The second was a piece on the future of parliamentary democracy, based on a talk to the Australasian Study of Parliament Group annual conference in July. He also chaired an exploratory roundtable on localism, with Mike Reid of Local Government New Zealand, and a roundtable with senior associate Adrian Macey supported by the IGPS on treatment of methane in climate change policy.

Murray Petrie published a *Policy Quarterly* article on “Reversing the degradation of New Zealand’s environment through greater government transparency and accountability”. He linked up this work with a presentation on “A Comprehensive Proposal for a Stronger Accountability Framework for Environmental Outcomes”, IGPS Seminar, 5 April, and with an op. ed. in the *Dominion Post* on 25 April. Murray also jointly wrote a submission to government on State Sector reform with Jonathan Boston and Simon Chapple.

Bryce Edwards continued his regular series of contributions cogently summarising and analysing New Zealand politics in the *Herald*, *Newsroom* and on other sites. Bob Stephens continued to work on issues surrounding a Universal Basic Income (UBI) and contributed a *Policy Quarterly* article on retirement income with Judith Davey. David Rea published an IGPS working paper, and Conal Smith provided a significant amount of input into re-design of the *IGPS Trust Survey 2019*.

2.4 *Policy Quarterly*

The Institute's website reboot in late 2017 also saw the successful digital integration of the Institute's flagship journal *Policy Quarterly* (PQ) into the Victoria University Open Journal System (OJS). The OJS makes the PQ more accessible to readers. It allows electronic downloading, either by issue or by individual article. It allows users to search the current and all past issues by author, by title, and by key words. Readers can ponder abstracts. Finally, the OJS makes it much easier for users to reference articles, according to users' desired style.

The first PQ article downloads from the OJS occurred on 21 February 2018. As at the end of 2018, there were 505 individual articles on-line and available via the OJS. Satisfyingly, 498 of these articles (98.6%) were electronically accessed at least once between late February and the end of December 2018. There were 25,225 abstract views and 22,138 full article views. The average number of views per full article was 43.8 and the median number of views was 19. The difference between the average and the median reflects a skewed distribution, where the top 10% of articles (51) obtained 50.2% of reads and the top 20% (102) obtained 66.7% of online OJS reads. Note that these PQ figures were in addition to both reads of paper copies of the journal and to reads from full issue downloads of the journal (see below).

Table 1 presents titles of the top 20 downloaded articles in the 2018 year in rank order and with their date and issue. There are several trends in this table which are noteworthy from our perspective. First, a wide range of topics is covered, from governance to environmental, social and economic outcomes, reflecting the breadth of the Institute's charter. Second, the articles cover a range of years and issues, suggesting that the articles and the journal has a longer-term and enduring relevance beyond simply the last year or so's issues, which is very encouraging. Third, while the topics in the top 20 are indeed varied, there is a considerable number on the broad topic of inequality along various dimensions. Nine of the twenty can be categorised in such a manner.

Table 1: Top 20 downloaded articles from *Policy Quarterly* in the 2018 year

Rank	Article title (year)
1	Evaluating democracy in New Zealand under MMP, 2012: 2
2	The importance of poverty early in childhood, 2014: 3
3	Age discrimination in the workplace, 2013: 2
4	Who cares about income inequality? 2015: 1
5	The houses children live in: policies to improve housing quality, 2013: 2
6	The quasi-market approach: the answer for social housing in New Zealand? 2016: 2
7	Is active intervention still needed to improve the position of women in the New Zealand labour market: 2015: 1
8	The challenge of securing durable reductions in child poverty in New Zealand, 2013: 2
9	The relationship between trends in income inequalities and poverty in New Zealand, 2013: 2
10	Declining towns and rapidly growing cities in New Zealand, 2017: Supplementary
11	Adapting to an ageing society: the need for cultural change, 2014: 3
12	Asia-Pacific growth Robert A. Buckle: before and after the Global Financial Crisis, 2009: 4
13	You say you want a revolution: the next stage of public sector reform in New Zealand, 2012: 1
14	Environmental policy-making in New Zealand, 1978-2013, 2013: 3
15	Open innovation communication: Improving strategy implementation in the public sector, 2018: 1
16	Rapid developments in Artificial Intelligence: how might the New Zealand government respond? 2017: 4
17	Improving management of invasive species: New Zealand's approach to pre- and post-border pests, 2016: 1
18	Sharing the private and public costs of tertiary education, 2012: 2
19	Anticipatory governance: how well is New Zealand safeguarding the future? 2016: 3
20	The inequality debate: the neglected role of residential sorting, 2015: 2

The other electronic avenue to view PQ is via the IGPS website, which hosts the previous two years of the journal. The numbers involved in the website access of PQ are considerably less than via the OJS by a factor of about 10. This divergence suggests that entering PQ into the OJS has significantly increased accessibility and hence readership.

2. Financial accounts

The financial accounts of the IGPS are summarised in Appendix 3. The accounts show the IGPS is in a strong position moving into 2019. The additional transfers from the PBRF because of the second Gama Foundation donation of \$7 million, as planned, have been capitalised into the endowment, which is now valued at \$12.2 million. The capitalisation is intended to generate an income flow which will make the current staff structure of the institute sustainable into the medium to longer term. The coming year is the last where there will be a significant flow of PBRF money (about \$240,000) because of the \$7 million Gama donation. Capitalisation is intended to cease from 2020, as remaining Usable Funds and RTV money are drawn down to zero.

In terms of spending, the 2018 year has seen a considerable increase in spending on people, due in great part to our three new hires. This staffing increase is reflected in the considerable output that is reported below. IT spending has fallen, due largely to the move of the IGPS website back into the university system. Function costs and advertising have also fallen, as a conscious choice, and travel costs continue at the low levels established in 2017. Occupancy costs continue at the lower levels established in 2017. However, space is becoming a constraint on the expansion of the Institute and constitutes a medium to longer term strategic problem which may necessitate a modest spending increase, if additional space becomes

available. Given the space constraints which Victoria University faces, we do not expect a removal of this constraint in the foreseeable future.

As indicated, on the revenue side, the PBRF grant money arising from the \$7 million Gama foundation donation, staggered through time, was tailing off this year. We await the results of the new PBRF round in April 2019 to find out what we will be getting for the next six years to 2025 based on staff results. Given the very recent hiring of two staff, unfortunately new PBRF money going to the Institute will only arise out of the director's assessment. After a hiatus in 2017, the Institute has generated a solid amount of research revenue. Our approach with regard to earning such revenue is passive: we only undertake it currently where we are proactively asked to do it and where we feel the work itself aligns completely with our charter.

3. Meeting IGPS research objectives

The charter sets out our research objectives as follows:

- (1) To enhance the quality of public body decision-making.*
- (2) To contribute to the improvement of public management and governance in New Zealand and Internationally.*
- (3) To carry out independent public policy research in order to achieve better social, environmental and economic outcomes for the benefit of all New Zealanders.*
- (4) To seek through the Institute's various programmes and activities to help solve (or at least ameliorate) some of the big policy problems facing contemporary governments.*
- (5) To deliver independent, high quality and high-impact research that informs and influences the policy-making process.*

Contributing to the broader academic research community enhances the credibility of Institute staff and aids in achieving our outcome objectives. In addition to the contributions of senior associates, the IGPS has met these research objectives in several ways.

In February the Institute published a book, containing 21 differently authored chapters, addressing the dimensions of New Zealand's social investment policy experiment, entitled *Social Investment: A New Zealand Policy Experiment*, Bridget Williams Book, Wellington, edited by Jonathan Boston and Derek Gill.

Mike Joy edited *Mountains to Sea*, another Bridget Williams book on the freshwater crisis in New Zealand. Mike also published a co-authored academic article on freshwater fish decline in New Zealand (Joy, Michael K., Kyleisha J. Foote, Pierce McNie, and Marina Piria.

"Decline in New Zealand's freshwater fish fauna: effect of land use." *Marine and Freshwater Research* 70, no. 1 (2019): 114-124).

Michael Fletcher published (with Erling Rasmussen). “Employment relations reforms and New Zealand’s ‘productivity paradox’” *Australian Journal of Labour Economics*, Vol. 21 Issue 1, p75-92.

Simon Chapple’s chapter on social investment, “Corked Wine in a Cracked Bottle” was published in *Social Investment: A New Zealand Policy Experiment*, Bridget Williams Book, Wellington, edited by Boston and Gill. He also wrote “Death and Disease at the Dawn of New Zealand’s History”, for the centennial edition of the *Turnbull Library Record*, 50, pp. 8-17.

Through *Policy Quarterly*, we have published 49 pieces of peer-reviewed independent research. The full list of *Policy Quarterly* research articles is set out in Appendix 1. As indicated above, a significant number of these have been written by senior associates, and one by staff (“Grease or sand in the wheels of democracy? The market for lobbying in New Zealand” by Tom Anderson and Simon Chapple). In addition, the Institute put out three working papers (see Appendix 2).

Lastly, the Institute followed up on its 2016 *Trust Survey*, collecting and publishing a further round of information in 2018.

4. Meeting IGPS outcome objectives

Our outcome objectives as set out in the IGPS Charter are:

- (1) To influence policy development, management and implementation in order to achieve better outcomes for New Zealanders and New Zealand.*
- (2) To widely disseminate the findings from research projects to better inform elected representatives, officials, policy-makers and the general public.*
- (3) To engage with the community through regular news releases and media commentary, workshops and public seminars.*
- (4) To have Institute staff and associates contribute to public debate in areas where they have relevant expertise, including preparing submissions on government bills and discussion papers.*
- (5) To raise the profile and public standing of the University and of the School of Government.*

The IGPS has followed up in key areas to meet these objectives. We have continued to run high quality events with national and international speakers (see Appendix 1), including the Sir Frank Holmes Fellow lecture.

Strategically, the IGPS placed a considerable relative focus on outcome objectives for 2018 in comparison to research objectives. This decision was made because of the strong opportunities to advance the outcome objectives offered by the new government.

The Institute’s contribution to its outcome objectives – in terms of op-ed publications (both online and in newspapers), via media coverage and interviews, thought submissions to

government, and via presentations, lectures and talks – are summarised in Tables 2 to 5 below.

Table 2: Op-eds by Institute staff in 2018

- “Under and over the benefit in New Zealand”, *Newsroom*, 14 February.
<https://www.newsroom.co.nz/@future-learning/2018/02/13/88629/under-and-over-the-benefit-in-nz>.
- “Government commissions experts because departments are run down”, *New Zealand Herald*, 5 September.
https://www.nzherald.co.nz/nz/news/article.cfm?c_id=1&objectid=12118830.
- “Reviving the spineless state sector”, *Newsroom*, September 6, 2018.
https://www.nzherald.co.nz/nz/news/article.cfm?c_id=1&objectid=12118830.
- “New Zealand politics: foreign donations and political influence”, *The Conversation*, 24 October 2018, <https://theconversation.com/new-zealand-politics-foreign-donations-and-political-influence-105489>. (also picked up by *stuff*)
- “New Zealand politics: how political donations could be reformed to reduce potential influence”, *The Conversation*, 30 October 2018. <https://theconversation.com/new-zealand-politics-how-political-donations-could-be-reformed-to-reduce-potential-influence-105805>. (also picked up by *Stuff*)
- “Fractures in democracy” in the *Dominion Post*, *Christchurch Press*, and *Waikato Times*, November 8 (print versions).
- “Splitting up hard enough without this law proposal”, *Newsroom*, 15 November, 2018, <https://www.newsroom.co.nz/@future-learning/2018/11/14/321351/splitting-up-hard-enough-without-this-law-proposal>
- “Clean Green New Zealand? Yeah, nah!”, *New Zealand Herald*, 24 September, https://www.nzherald.co.nz/nz/news/article.cfm?c_id=1&objectid=12130384
- “Why irrigation dams area bad idea”, *Newsroom*, 24 August, <https://www.newsroom.co.nz/@future-learning/2018/08/23/205346/why-irrigation-dams-are-a-dumb-idea>
- “Support for less meat, better planet”, *Otago Daily Times*, 23 July, <https://www.odt.co.nz/rural-life/red-meat/support-less-meat-better-planet>
- “A glimpse of light in confronting New Zealand’s environmental crisis”, *The Spinoff*, <https://thespinoff.co.nz/society/21-11-2018/a-glimpse-of-light-in-confronting-nzs-environmental-crisis>
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Table 3: Media and the Institute in 2018

“Who said tax was supposed to be fair”, Bryan Fallow, *New Zealand Herald*, 8 June

“Kiwis trust in government surges”, *The Standard*, 13 June

“Capital gains good but not enough for inequality”, Radio New Zealand, 22 September, <https://www.radionz.co.nz/news/national/366936/capital-gains-good-but-not-enough-for-equality-advocates>

“Serious storm clouds threaten New Zealand democracy”, *Newsroom*, 6 November. <https://www.newsroom.co.nz/2018/11/05/307639/serious-storm-clouds-threaten-nz-democracy-report>.

“Serious storm clouds threaten New Zealand democracy”, *Stuff*, 6 November. <https://www.stuff.co.nz/national/politics/108379364/serious-storm-clouds-threaten-nz-democracy-report>.

“New Zealand agonises over Chinese meddling”, *The Economist Asia*, print edition 8 November, <https://www.economist.com/asia/2018/11/08/new-zealand-agonises-about-chinese-meddling>

“Huawei’s banned but where’s the Backlash in New Zealand?”, *South China Morning Post*, 30 November, <https://www.scmp.com/week-asia/geopolitics/article/2175808/huaweis-banned-wheres-backlash-new-zealand>.

“New Zealand an outlier for not regulating lobbyists”, *National Business Review*, video interview on lobbying, 7 November 2018. <https://www.nbr.co.nz/story/new-zealand-outlier-not-regulating-lobbyists>.

“Trust in government surges after 2016 – report”, interview on Radio New Zealand *Morning Report*, with Susie Fergusson, 12 June, <https://www.radionz.co.nz/national/programmes/morningreport/audio/2018648881/trust-in-govt-surges-since-2016-report>.

Two live commercial radio interviews on the IGPS trust survey, 12 June.

“Capital gains good but not enough for equality – advocates”, Radio New Zealand, 22 September. <https://www.radionz.co.nz/news/national/366936/capital-gains-good-but-not-enough-for-equality-advocates>.

TVNZ Breakfast interview with Hayley Holt, 7 November, on building democratic resilience briefing paper.

Three live commercial radio interviews on 7 November on the democratic resilience paper.

“Solving New Zealand’s freshwater crisis”, Radio New Zealand, 12 November, <https://www.radionz.co.nz/national/programmes/afternoons/audio/2018670839/mike-joy-solving-nz-s-freshwater-crisis>

Interview with Mike Joy, *Scoop*, 24 November,
<http://www.scoop.co.nz/stories/PO1811/S00267/the-nation-ecologist-mike-joy.htm>

Interview with Mike Joy, 14 September, *Newshub*,
<https://www.newshub.co.nz/home/politics/2018/09/govt-not-being-ballsy-and-strong-enough-on-environment-mike-joy.html>

“Ecologist issues dire warning about New Zealand’s Freshwater”, *Newshub*, 24 November,
<https://www.newshub.co.nz/home/shows/2018/11/ecologist-issues-dire-warning-about-nz-s-freshwater.html>.

“New study shows 75 percent of NZ’s native fish are threatened”, interview with Mike Hosking, *Newstalk ZB*, 10 September, <https://www.newstalkzb.co.nz/on-air/mike-hosking-breakfast/audio/mike-joy-75-percent-of-new-zealands-freshwater-fish-listed-as-threatened-study/>

“Dairy farm nitrates in Canterbury rivers endangers health - Fish and Game”, TVNZ, 26 November, <https://www.tvnz.co.nz/one-news/new-zealand/dairy-farm-nitrates-in-canterbury-rivers-endangers-health-fish-and-game>

Table 4: Submissions to government in 2018

Submission to National Archival and Library Institutions Ministerial Group Review

Submission to Tax Working Group

Submission to Welfare Experts Advisory Group

Submission on State Sector Reform

Submission to Law Commission Property Relations Act review

Submission: Wise Response Society Submission on the Emissions Trading Scheme

Table 5: Presentations, lectures and talks hosted by the Institute

“Taxes and Benefits: Is the Government’s Tax Working Group caught between a rock and a hard place?” to the Wellington NZ Fabian Society on 11 April, 60 people

“Measuring trust in New Zealand in 2018”, presentation to the public, VUW, 11 June, 50 people

Asia New Zealand foundation event, leading a discussion on “How can government draw on expertise outside the state sector to inform a balanced and measured approach to foreign influence activities in New Zealand?”, 26 June.

Child poverty in New Zealand, talk to Victoria University student group “Rethinking Economics”, 35 people.

“Who do we trust?”. presentation to the Wellington Club, 12 November, 20 people

“Building democratic resilience”, presentation to Rapaki wananga on New Zealand-China Relations, 27 September, Christchurch, 50 people

Presented paper via internet on freshwater quality assessment at the Eco Conference Napier, 60 attendees

Day long workshop on freshwater ecosystem health and TH RMA at Te Wānanga O Raukawa for the course PKPA104 Wai Maori

Guest Lecture, Turangawaewae paper Massey University Palmerston North

Biophysical Economics, introductory Lecture Victoria University with Nathan Suendran, 85 people

Presentation on the Future of Food at U3A Avonhead Christchurch, 100 people

Presentation on water quality for Taupo Lakes and Waterways action group, 115 people (official count)

Talk Future of food, at Vegan Expo Christchurch attendance, 60 people

Talk on water Management to Auckland branch of NZ Institute of Planners

“Freshwater management in New Zealand; a freshwater ecologists view of the policy, dams and the options for our future” in Mapua organised by Local Matter and Nelson Greens attendance, 200 plus people

Freshwater management in NZ; a freshwater ecologists view of the policy, dams and the options for our future in Golden Bay organised by Golden Bay Greens attendance, 80 people

Talk on Future of Food at the Annual Vegan Conference Christchurch, 60 people

“Welfare for 21st Century New Zealand: Repairs and Redesign”, presentation to *Child Poverty Action Group Summit: Rethinking the welfare system for the 21st Century* University of Otago, Wellington 12 September

Guest lecture to Poutaurongo Kaitiakitanga Putaiao (Bachelor Of Environmental Management) students at te Wanaga O Raukawa, Otaki.

Three lectures on freshwater management and monitoring for Kapiti Youth Summit, Kapiti & Paraparaumu College senior students 75 students in total in 3 groups.

Guest lecture Tuesday 14th to 40 students for the paper LAWS 318: Resource Management Law at Vic Law School (course co-ordinator Catherine Iorns Magallanes)

Seminar and discussion 2 hrs to approx. 20 PhD students for Te Punaha Matatini's Early Career Researcher network at Otaki Forks

Keynote speaker at Eco conference 2018 September 7-9 on Land use, soil and water: how do we do better?

Eight lectures for first year course "Government, Law and Business" FCom 111, VUW, Around 1500 students overall.

The Institute also contributed a policy briefing on "Building democratic resilience", SANSEE Pop up Think Tank, University of Canterbury,
https://www.canterbury.ac.nz/media/documents/oexp-arts/research-centres/ssanse/Simon_Chapple_Building_democratic_resilience_policybrief.pdf.

5. Acknowledgement

Finally, the IGPS would like to thank every person who has participated in our events and who has read or otherwise engaged with us and our work. The IGPS exists to make New Zealand an even better place. None of our work would be feasible without the public support that we receive.

Appendix 1: Policy Quarterly Articles 2018

Policy Quarterly Issues for 2018

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Editor: Jonathan Boston

- Public Policy can New Zealand be a leading light for the ‘wellbeing approach’? *by Dan Weijers and Philip S. Morrison*
- Trashing Waste: unlocking the wasted potential of New Zealand’s Waste Minimisation Act *by Hannah Blumhardt*
- ‘Can I See Your Social Licence Please?’ *by Kevin Jenkins*
- The Wisdom of Crowds versus the Madness of Crowds *by Colin James*
- Climate-compatible Development in New Zealand *by Stephen Knight-Lenihan and Kate Scanlen*
- Climate Change Compensation: an unavoidable discussion *by Benjamin Dudley Tombs and Ben France-Hudson*
- How Could Central Government Better Respond to Sexual Harm in the Public Service? *by Carrie Buckmaster*
- Breaking the Link Between Disability and Child and Whanau Poverty *by Sam Murray*
- Paid Parental Leave for 26 Weeks: great – but what about the rate at which we pay? *by Suzy Morrissey*
- Behavioural Economics and Retirement Savings: improving KiwiSaver *by William Townsend*

Policy Quarterly Volume 14 – Issue 3 – August 2018 (Special Issue – Assessing and Enhancing New Zealand’s Productivity)

Guest Editor: Patrick Nolan

- Moving on from New Zealand’s Productivity Paradox *by Patrick Nolan, Huon Fraser and Paul Conway*
- The Future of Productivity – what contribution can digital transformation make? *by Dirk Pilat and Chiara Criscuolo*
- Meeting the Challenge of a Low-Emissions Economy *by Steven Bailey and Geoff Lewis*
- Quakes and Aftershocks: organisational restructuring in the New Zealand state sector, 1960–2017 *by Masashi Yui and Robert Gregory*
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- The UK Climate Change Act: an act to follow? *by Prue Taylor and Kate Scanlen*

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- The Housing Haves and Have-Nots: the house price boom and inequality of wealth in New Zealand by *Timothy Irwin and R. John Irwin*
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WP18/02 How effective are 2018 policy settings for the worst-off children? , by Susan St John and Yun So

WP18/03 Does an empirical Heckman curve exist? by David Rea and Tony Burton

Appendix 3: Institute events 2018

Date	Event	Speaker (chair)	Attendees
31-Jan	Discussion of the 2017 Open Budget Results	Jonathan Dunn, Max Rashbrooke, Keitha Booth, Murray Petrie	25
13-Feb	Industrial Revolution Documentary Film Screening	No speaker (Simon Chapple)	85
14-Feb	E-mission Possible (Climate Change Discussion)	Adrian Macey	50
14-Feb	Book Launch for Social Investment (ed Jonathan Boston)	Carmel Sepuloni	99
15-Feb	Social Investment research Roundtable	No speaker (Jonathan Boston)	13
28-Feb	Climate Change Adaptation Roundtable	Jacob Werksman (Jonathan Boston)	16
5-Apr	Environmental outcomes in New Zealand (seminar)	Adrian Macey (Simon Chapple)	43
10-Apr	Marie Brousseau-Navarro Roundtable	Marie Brousseau-Navarro (Andrew Kibblewhite)	45
10-Apr	Protecting the Interests of Future Generations (seminar)	Marie Brousseau-Navarro (Jonathan Boston)	34
24-Apr	Serious Games Roundtable	No speaker	23
27-Apr	The Role of Local Government in New Zealand (seminar)	Justin Lester (Simon Chapple)	142
30-Apr	Making New Zealand democracy more resilient	Anne-Marie Brady, Simon Chapple (Jonathan Boston)	23
29-May	Investing for Wellbeing (seminar)	Tim Ng, Sam King	67
11-Jun	Measuring Trust (seminar)	Simon Chapple (Self-chaired)	27
22-Jun	Gendered Comparisons (seminar)	Aine Ni Leime (Judith Davey)	22
22-Jun	Parliament Project Roundtable	No speaker (Jonathan Boston)	26
2-Jul	Social Wellbeing Roundtable	No speaker (Jonathan Boston)	23
5-Jul	New Futures: International Aid & Development (seminar)	Many speakers	67
26-Jul	Child Poverty, Knowns & Unknowns (seminar)	Simon Chapple (Self-chaired)	30
13-Aug	Tax Justice For All (seminar)	Nicky Hager, Louise Delaney	67
14-Aug	State Sector Act Roundtable	No speaker (Simon Chapple)	30
23-Aug	The Changing Landscape of Asia & the Pacific (seminar)	Stephen Groff (Simon Chapple)	16
24-Aug	Pension Politics (seminar)	Kent Weaver (Simon Chapple)	27
30-Aug	Starving the beast (seminar)	Geoff Bertram (Simon Chapple)	64
10-Sep	Overcoming Misinformation About Child Poverty (seminar)	Jess Berentson-Shaw and Marianne Elliott	82
12-Sep	Just Transitions Roundtable	No speaker (Jonathan Boston)	26

26-Sep	Book Launch for Government for the Public Good	Max Rashbrooke	63
1-Oct	Renewing the Public Service (seminar)	Chris Eichbaum, Elizabeth Eppel, Catherine Knight, Julian Wood	33
2-Oct	What Is Child Poverty?	Carina Mood & Jan Jonsson (Jonathan Boston)	26
3-Oct	Intergenerational Mobility	Carina Mood & Jan Jonsson (Jonathan Boston)	24
3-Oct	Methane Roundtable	No speaker (Adrian Macey)	29
4-Oct	Measuring Methane (seminar)	Dave Frame (Adrian Macey)	18
12-Oct	Biophysical Economics (seminar)	Mike Joy, Nathan Surendram (Simon Chapple)	67
15-Oct	Seeing like A Bank (seminar)	Ben Spies-Butcher (Michael Fletcher)	18
24-Oct	Readying the Wakas	Ursula Rakova, Evelyn Marsters, Nathan Ross	100
11-Nov	Frank Holmes Lecture	Lord Gus O'Donnell (Girol Karacaoglu)	147
14-Nov	Book launch for Mountains to Sea (ed Mike Joy)	Mike Joy, Catherine Knight	88

Appendix 4: Institute Financial Overview, 2018

Institute for Governance and Policy Studies, Financial Overview, December years, \$000						
	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Gama Foundation Usable Funds - Foundation						
<i>Opening Balance Usable Funds 1 January</i>	60	211	348	419	574	187
<i>Interest on Gama Foundation Endowment</i>	151	137	184	396	614	654
<i>Transfers to IGPS cost centre</i>	-	-	(113)	(241)	-	-
<i>Transfer to Gama Foundation endowed funds</i>	-	-	-	-	(1000)	(790)
<i>Closing Balance Usable Funds 31 December</i>	211	348	419	574	187	52
Gama Foundation Endowed Funds - Foundation						
<i>Opening Balance Endowed Funds 1 January</i>	3000	3027	3072	10,795	10,116	11,338
<i>Interest on Gama Foundation Endowment (June)</i>	27	45	3	40	223	125
<i>Increase in Endowment from donors</i>	-	-	7000	-	-	-
<i>Transfer from Gama Foundation usable funds</i>	-	-	-	-	1000	790
<i>Closing Balance Endowed Funds 31 December</i>	3027	3072	10,075	10,116	11,338	12,253
Sir Frank Holmes Visiting Fellowship Usable funds – Foundation						
<i>Opening Balance Usable Funds 1 January</i>	10	10	4	16	47	78
<i>Interest on Endowment</i>	25	23	31	31	31	32
<i>Transfers to IGPS cost centre</i>	(26)	(28)	(19)	-	-	(36)
<i>Closing Balance Usable Funds 31 December</i>	10	4	16	47	78	73
Sir Frank Holmes Visiting Fellowship Endowed funds – Foundation						
<i>Opening Balance Endowed Funds 1 January</i>	500	505	512	513	515	526
<i>Interest on Endowment</i>	5	8	1	2	11	6
<i>Increase in Endowment</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Closing Balance Endowed Funds 31 December</i>	505	512	513	515	526	532
IGPS Cost Centre (VUW)						
Foundation transfers from usable funds	26	28	133	241	-	36
<i>PBRF Revenue</i>	55	187	143	99	906	586
<i>Research Revenue</i>	70	88	93	27	-	50
<i>Other Revenue</i>	64	164	26	30	25	30
<i>SoG transfers</i>	45	32	50	80	-	-
<i>VBS/VUW contributions</i>	208	86	0	50	1	1
Total Revenue	467	586	445	526	932	704
<i>People</i>	281	318	220	322	278	459
<i>Information technology</i>	13	12	13	13	13	7
<i>Advertising</i>	0	1	3	8	4	0
<i>Function costs</i>	5	33	12	6	24	5
<i>Scholarships</i>	0	0	0	17	34	34
<i>Travel</i>	23	27	43	24	10	9
<i>Printing</i>	1	4	23	72	92	17
<i>Office consumables</i>	1	4	0	2	1	1
<i>Policy online infrastructure</i>	0	50	0	0	0	0
<i>Climate change publication</i>	36	33	25	0	0	0
<i>Transfer to the RTV grant 218299</i>	0	0	0	0	440	142
<i>Donation/sponsorship</i>	0	1	0	0	4	0
<i>Occupancy</i>	105	104	106	63	32	29
Total Expenses	467	586	445	526	932	704
Research Trust (RTV)						
<i>Research Trust (RTV) Opening balance RTV 1 January</i>	-	-	-	-	-	440
<i>Transfers from IGPS cost centre</i>	-	-	-	-	440	142
<i>Transfers to IGPS cost centre</i>	-	-	-	-	0	0
<i>Closing balance RTV 31 December</i>	-	-	-	-	440	581

Appendix 2: IGPS events

