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# Corporate and Public Governance – where to from here?

Thursday evening 27 November – Saturday morning 29 November 2008

Victoria University of Wellington Rutherford House, 23 Lambton Quay, Wellington



### Corporate and Public Governance – where to from here?

Corporate governance and public governance have both been the subject of major reform in recent years. Nevertheless, events such as the current global financial crisis and the continuing dissatisfaction with the performance of governments demonstrate that significant challenges remain. This conference will review the reforms to date, consider governance issues at the intersection of public and private entities such as in public private partnerships and address how the structure and processes of governance might be further reshaped to achieve better outcomes for stakeholders.

Thursday, 27th November 2008

5.30 pm – Welcome – Professor Bob Buckle

Pro Vice-Chancellor and Dean Faculty of Commerce and Administration

5.40 – 7.10 pm – Opening Plenary

Jane Diplock AO

Chairman, Securities Commission

"Where governance went wrong -

globally and in New Zealand"

**Kevin Brady** 

Controller and Auditor-General
"Public Sector Governance - a stock-take"

7.10 – 7.30 pm – Cocktail drinks

7.30 - 9.30 pm - DINNER

Friday, 28th November 2008

9.00 – 10.30 am – Corporate Governance

Presenter: Prof Stephen Taylor

Professor of Accounting, University of Technology, Sydney
"Corporate Governance, Accounting and
Performance - is there an effect?"

Commentator:

Kerry McDonald, Company Director

**10.30 – 11.00 am** – Morning tea

11.00 - 12.30 pm - Public Governance

Presenter: Dr Graham Scott

Former Treasury Secretary and consultant

"Governance Reforms for Improved
State Sector Performance"

Commentator:

Iain Rennie, State Services Commissioner

12.30 - 1.45 pm - Lunch

1.45 – 3.00 pm – Public Private Partnerships

Presenter: Prof Ronald Fischer

Professor of Economics, University of Chile
"Public Private Partnerships an overview of the issues"

**3.00 – 3.30 pm** – Afternoon tea

3.30 - 5.00 pm - Panel Discussion - PPP

**Prof Lew Evans** 

Professor of Economics, Victoria University of Wellington

**Prof Ronald Fischer** 

Professor of Economics, University of Chile

Tim Irwin

Senior Economist, World Bank

**Moderator:** Prof Tony van Zijl, Director, CAGTR Professor of Accounting & Financial Management

Saturday, 29th November 2008

9.00 - 9.30 am - Disclosure

Presenter: Thu Phuong Truong

Lecturer, School of Accounting and Commercial Law "Management Earnings Forecasts - does corporate governance matter?"

9.30 - 10.30 am - SOE Governance

Presenter: Rob Cameron

Partner, Cameron Partners

"Is the Current SOE Model a Recipe for Failure?"

**10.30 – 11.00 am** – Morning tea

11.00 – 12.30 pm – Panel discussion - Review of the issues raised at the conference

Roger Kerr

Executive Director, NZ Business Roundtable

**David Shand** 

Chair, Tertiary Education Commission

**Prof Stephen Taylor** 

Professor of Accounting, University of Technology, Sydney

**Moderator:** Geof Nightingale Partner, PricewaterhouseCoopers and Chair, CAGTR Advisory Board

Closing remarks: Geof Nightingale Partner, PricewaterhouseCoopers and Chair, CAGTR Advisory Board

