



The Urgency Project reports

The use of Urgency by the New Zealand House of Representatives is a topic of considerable current interest and concern.

In the most extensive study ever conducted into this topic, the Urgency Project (Claudia Geiringer, Polly Higbee and Professor Elizabeth McLeay) have created a database of every use of urgency by the New Zealand House of Representatives between 1987 and 2010. They also interviewed a number of past and current members of Parliament about what factors motivated them to use urgency, and what factors constrained them from doing so. On 9 May, they report on their findings. They will discuss what urgency is; how much it is used and why it is used; if, why and in what circumstances we should have concerns about its use; and what reforms could be made to better regulate its use.

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Monday, 9 May, 5.30pm
Lecture Theatre 2, Old Government Buildings,
55 Lambton Quay, Wellington



NZ Centre of Public Law Lectures are free of charge. If you wish to attend please RSVP to nzcpl@vuw.ac.nz