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# Overview

## Conference times

- Friday 7.00 – 9.00
- Saturday 9.00- 4.30

# Our conference purpose

To kick-start a nation wide conversation  
about the quality of New Zealand's democracy



# Lloyd Geering

## Democracy and Ethics



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# Bronwyn Hayward

Understanding our Social Handprint and the kind of democracy we are creating.



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# Michael Macaulay

## The Open Government Partnership



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Jane Kelsey

Trade agreements impact on democracy



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# Wendy McGuinness

Introduction to the McGuinness Institute  
Work on the constitutional review



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# Sandra Grey and Charles Sedgwick

Stomping all over 'grass-roots' advocacy  
and activism



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# Dr Bill Ryan

**Asst Professor School of Government at Victoria University of Wellington.**

Opening up government and governing for wider citizen participation.

Solving the problems at the top: between Chief Executives and Ministers



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# Our conference purpose

To kick-start a nation wide conversation  
about the quality of New Zealand's democracy

workshop  
conversations



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# Workshop guidelines:

- Engage
- Encourage
- Enjoy



# Government and citizens workshops

**Our purpose:** Identify ways of working with government and community that will help NZ achieve a more robust democracy



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# Your workshop opportunities

My experience of  
democracy

Achieving a more  
democratic government

Achieving a more  
democratic community

Reflecting on the  
session



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# Panel: Media & information

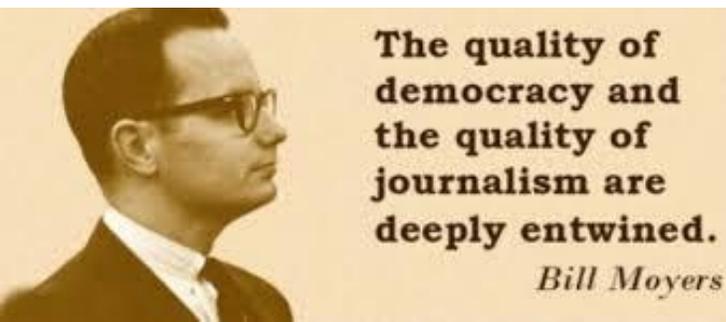
- Stephanie Rodgers
- Myles Thomas - Coalition for Better Broadcasting
- Ben Knight - Loomio
- Meg Howie - Ask Away
- Kieran Stowers - OntheFence

INFORMATION IS THE  
CURRENCY OF  
DEMOCRACY.



Thomas Jefferson  
3rd U.S. President  
(1743-1826)

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# Media and information workshops

**Our purpose:** To identify ways of improving media and information flows to citizens about democracy



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# Your workshop opportunities

Media in a robust  
democracy

Information to  
citizens

Reflecting on  
the session



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# Panel: Engaged citizens

- Max Rashbrooke - Inequality
- Barbara Bedeschi-Lewando
- Cath Wallace ECO
- Julia Amua Whaipooti (Ngati Porou) Just Speak



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# Engaged citizens workshops



**Our purpose:** To identify opportunities for transferring the knowledge and information from the conference today out into the community



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# Call to action

**Our purpose:** To create an action plan for kick-starting a national conversation about improving the quality of our democracy



# Your workshop opportunities

Engaging with our  
allies

Engaging with our  
critics

What would a more robust  
democracy look like?



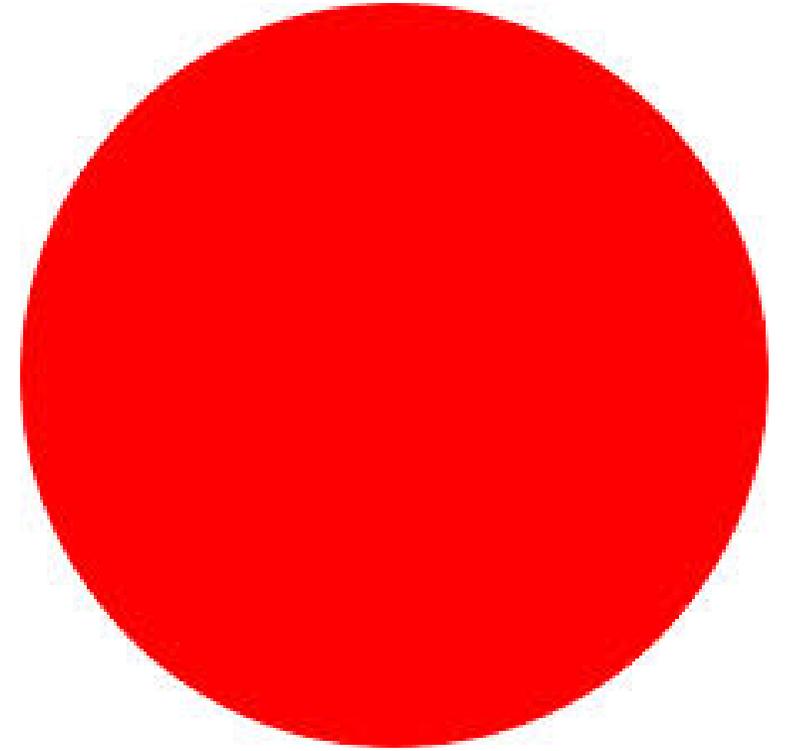
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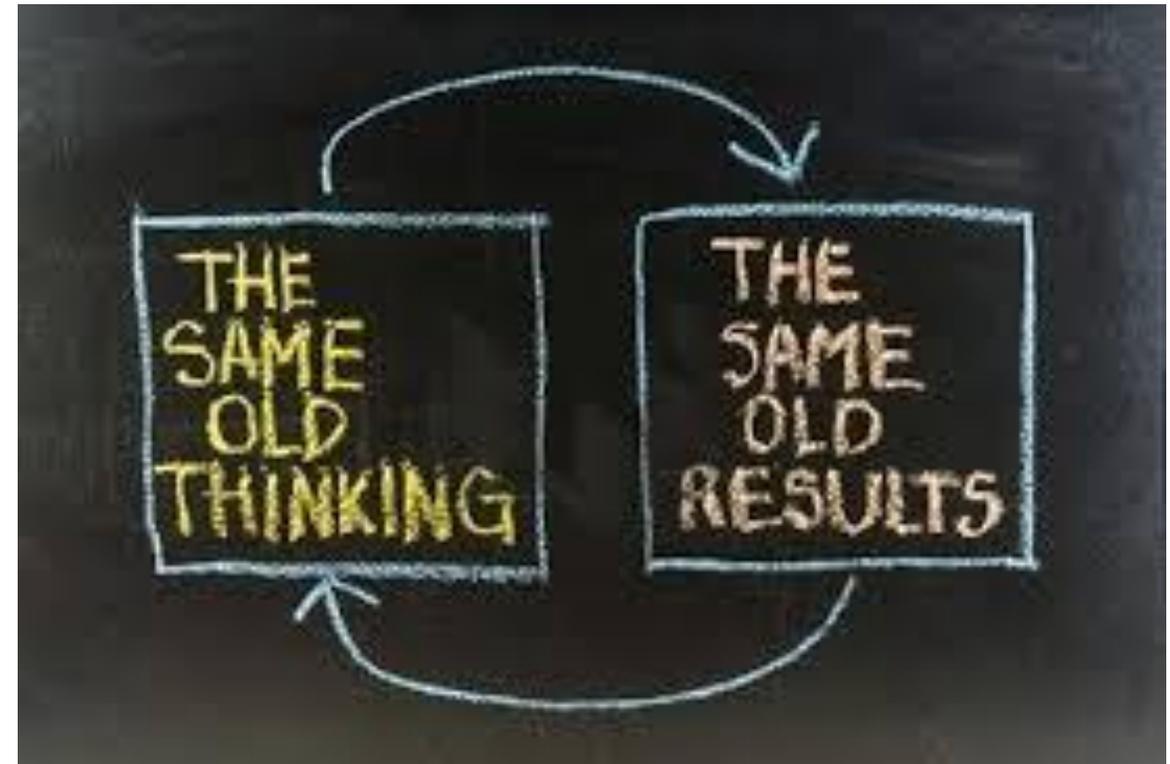
# Six red dots . . . . .

Which ideas and actions do you see as priorities for increasing the quality of democracy in New Zealand?



# As a result of this conference:

- What will you do differently now?
- Is there any action you would like to take?



# Final reflections

- Why did you come to this conference?
- What did you get out of it?



# Thanks for coming to Democracy, ethics and the public good

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