

**TPPA Circus - Next stop Leesburg in September**

The San Diego round came and went – apologies, the debrief is still wending its way from Jane Kelsey’s laptop. It will be on Scoop later this week, and linked in the next bulletin. For great photos click. For now, see [KEIOnline](#) account. The next stop is Leesburg, near Washington DC, from 6-15 September. They are still talking about closing off chapters by the end of the year – meaning all but the big political issues for governments to trade off. But a speech from the US Chamber of Commerce head said talks were unlikely to conclude before late 2013, or even 2014.

**Hot issues**

This is pre-election time for Obama so hugely sensitive issues like medicines and a tobacco exception were off the table. Other areas of intellectual property remain stalled, with standoffs on others, notably Australia’s refusal to accept investor-state enforcement. Countries are still scrambling to assess US proposals on state enterprises. Some new issues emerged - e-commerce and cross-border services, which may be another route to restrict regulation of digital content, offshore financial services and data storage; new proposals for exceptions; climate change ...

**“Fair Deal Coalition” on Copyright Launched**

A brilliant new campaign has been launched by InternetNZ, NZRise, TUANZ, Consumer, and many other groups, with lots of action suggestions on <http://fairdeal.net.nz/>. “The Fair Deal campaign is about keeping the Trans Pacific Partnership from changing our copyright laws. A Fair Deal is one that opens up new trade opportunities without forcing us to make copyright law changes that would take a major toll on New Zealand.”

[LIANZA](#) (the Library and Information Systems of Aotearoa) warned of the impact on libraries and users, while Palmerston North Digital Services librarian [Warrick Taylor said](#) rumoured copyright changes would be a "tragedy" for the city library. NZ Royal Foundation for the [Blind](#) says the TPP could negatively impact blind and partially sighted New Zealanders.

**NZ College of Public Health Medicine Speaks out**

The [New Zealand College](#) of Public Health Medicine ‘calls for openness and transparency in debating the potential health impacts of any free trade agreements such as the proposed Trans-Pacific Partnership Agreement (TPPA), particularly on critical areas such as pharmaceutical pricing mechanisms, climate change mitigation and other environmental policy, and public policy.

**US Told HIV-AIDS Won’t Go Away with TPPA**

US trade officials plan a tiki tour around TPPA capitals, including NZ, to put pressure on and broker a deal on the meds issues. The USTR is under [real political pressure](#) as most countries reject their demands, members of [US Congress](#) are outraged, and the Global HIV/AIDs conference descended on Washington, [protesting](#) outside the [White House](#). [Doctors Without Borders](#) released a report on how TPPA will severely restrict access to life-saving medicines, as did [UNAIDS](#). See also Radio Australia 5 minute interview of US meds specialist [Peter Maybarduk](#), an article from Kelly Nichols of MSF in [Canberra Times](#), and [challenge](#) to Hillary Clinton’s optimism about an end to Aids, if the TPPA comes into being. And ROCK THE TPP (online soon)

Meanwhile former ACT MP Heather Roy for NZ [PhRMA](#) pretended it had told its US counterparts to back off – but really was just running the same line about need for ‘transparency’, ‘due process’ and ‘science based decisions’ that US PhRma has been arguing since TPPA began.

## Climate change hits the TPPA Agenda

A new issue hit the talks in San Diego, with 3 proposals on climate change. There is still not a lot of information. Peru's proposal appears to genuinely address the issue. New Zealand's proposal reportedly has two parts: 1) Aspirational language stating that countries should try to phase out subsidies for fossil fuels, which essentially reiterates past G-20 commitments; and 2) Aspirational language stating that TPPA countries reaffirm the benefit of pricing carbon with a view towards establishing a regional carbon trading system. This seems to align with NZ's desire to generate an alternative trading system that doesn't rely on the Kyoto regime.

## Key responds to Big Tobacco Threats, yet Denies Risks of TPP

The consultation document on plain packaging tobacco was released last week. The [Regulatory Impact Statement](#) said the cost to defend a WTO case could be \$1.5-2million, and an international investment dispute \$3-6 million each party (a serious underestimate). Sadly, [PM Key](#) was bowing to pressure from the start, saying he would not die in the ditch for the policy. Asked about the TPPA, [Key said](#) it wasn't yet known if it would be an issue and 'like any negotiation, there's give and take, so the overall way that the government will look at it is, is it in New Zealand's best interests to negotiate and complete the TPP', ie. Fonterra's interests will trump. Labour's leader David [Shearer](#) seemed to back him, contradicting criticisms of John Key's position by Clare Curran. This is just the beginning. [Jane Kelsey](#) will speak on trade and investment agreements and tobacco control in Auckland 5.15pm 9 August.

## Hear Labour's stance on the TPP

Wellington Central MP and Labour Deputy Leader Grant Robertson will be delivering a short speech on "Labour's stance on the TPP" at 5pm on Friday 3rd August at the PPTA Offices, Level 5, 60 Willis St, Wellington. The event is sponsored by Unions Wellington. There will be free food and a bar with \$5 drinks, all proceeds to a workers' cause. All welcome to attend.

## News Stories

- [Gordon Campbell](#) on how conservative US politicians are demonstrating how we should respond to the TPP , Scoop, 25 July 2012
- 52 minute interview with Bryan Gould on TPPA, [GreenplanetFM](#), 22 July 2012
- Teresa O'Connor, 'Nurses must fight TPPA Threat', *Kiatiaki Nursing New Zealand*, June 2012 (contact [library@nzno.org.nz](mailto:library@nzno.org.nz))
- TV3 Think Tank on TPPA, Sunday 1 July 2012 <http://ondemand.tv3.co.nz/Think-Tank-Season-2-Ep-15/tabid/59/articleID/7069/MCat/360/Default.aspx>
- Liquor and Tobacco Fight Back, [NZ Herald](#), 22 July 2012; Big Tobacco Fights to Beat NZ's Rules, [NZ Herald](#), 20 July 2012
- Jagdish Bhagwati Criticises TPP in [Australian Financial Review](#), 16 July 2012

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