

Documentary Film on Waihopai

THE 5TH EYE

This 2 hour documentary by film makers Errol Wright and Abi King-Jones looks at the Waihopai Spy Base, its functions and the events of 2008 when three Christian Activists entered the base and deflated one of the domes concealing the antennas.

All welcome. No charge for admission

Nativity Centre, 76 Alfred Street.

Saturday 28th January 5pm-7pm

ABC Waihopai Day

On Saturday the 28th January the Anti Bases Campaign have organised a day of activity focused on Waihopai.

The day will commence with a short visit to the **Waihopai base 9.30-10.30am**. We will then move to the Nativity Centre, 76 Alfred Street, central Blenheim, for a day of workshops , questions and discussion. This is a free public event .

Speakers and Programme

11a.m -12.30 p.m. Keith Locke and Warren Thomson: (Five Eyes/GCSB/Waihopai).

1.15-2.45 p.m. Nicky Hager: research skills.

3-4.15 p.m. Kyle Matthews: the history of non-violent direct action with **Liz Remmerswaal Hughes** speaking about the US warfighting and spy base at Pine Gap in Australia, and **Adi Leason** one of the three **Waihopai Domebusters**.

5pm. "The 5th Eye" Errol Wright and Abi King-Jones' excellent 112 minute documentary

To register for the workshops at The Nativity Centre please contact ABC:

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WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT WAIHOPAI SPY BASE?



The base operates as part of the Five Eyes spy system. Run by the Government Communications Security Bureau (GCSB), the base for many years spied illegally on New Zealand citizens. Now new legislation will give it the power to do this within the law.

The GCSB spies on all our Pacific neighbours and has intercepted communications from Japan, Vietnam and many other friendly nations. It has targeted people who have subsequently been tortured by their local security forces and is probably involved in identifying targets for drone attacks which often kill innocent civilians.

The Government Communications Security Bureau

The Government Communications Security Bureau was established during WWII to intercept radio signals. It later operated a facility in Tangimoana, Manawatu which spied on radio signals around the Pacific. Today the main facility is Waihopai, near Blenheim. The main targets are not terrorists, but diplomats, business people and NGOs, and most of the spying is on the behalf of NZ Five Eyes allies.

The GCSB spies through its mass collection of data. It compels organisations like Facebook and Google to provide access to customers private communications. According to official government reports the GCSB have been shown to not follow proper data procedures, to engage in illegal activities and to engage in the persecution of innocent 'suspects'.

The GCSB officially costs the taxpayer around ninety million dollars a year. It plays a major part in protecting NZ's cyber security, but is also the main perpetrator of hacking and data interception.

NZ is unique amongst small nations in hosting a facility such as Waihopai.

What is Five Eyes?

The Five Eyes group is made up of spy agencies from the USA, the UK, Canada, Australia and New Zealand. Edward Snowden described the aim of this alliance as - "to collect everything, store everything, analyse everything" -from communications and data bases all around the world. The collected information is used for everything from gaining commercial advantage in trade deals, manipulating UN affairs, kidnapping and torturing suspected terrorists and extrajudicial assassination by drones.

In many countries the operations of these agencies have been declared illegal by the court system, but governments have repeatedly changed the law to allow these activities to continue; thus allowing the further erosion of our privacy and human rights

The Anti Bases Campaign: ABC

The ABC was formed in 1987 to monitor and oppose US military activity including their associated intelligence operations in New Zealand.

In the past ABC opposed US military activities at Harewood Airport, Christchurch and the US Navy's use of the Black Birch observatory to map stars for missile guidance.

ABC was the first group to publicise the existence of the GCSB spy facility at Tangimoana and the work of peace activists Owen Wilkes and Nicky Hager in revealing the GCSB support of US military operations.

The main focus of ABC today is in monitoring the activities of the NZ spy agencies and working to oppose the continual expansion of secret surveillance. Secret surveillance is undemocratic, impossible to control properly and tramples on human rights and privacy.

ABC publishes a twice yearly journal *Peace Researcher* containing articles on current intelligence and military issues.

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