

WAIHOPAI SPYBASE PROTEST

Featuring

A DAY OF WORKSHOPS & “THE 5th EYE” IN BLENHEIM

Saturday January 28th

Nativity Centre, 76 Alfred Street, central Blenheim

Please note that there are some changes to the way we've done things in previous years.

In light of Marlborough's ongoing earthquakes, we decided it would be prudent to relocate our camp from Whites Bay to Onamalutu – see below for the details of how to find it).

1/ There will be no protest activity in Blenheim itself.

2/ The protest at the Waihopai spy base will be in the morning, not the afternoon (we will be **at the base from 9.30-10.30 a.m.**).

3/ The main focus of the day will be workshops in Blenheim both in the morning and afternoon. Featured speakers:

a/ **Keith Locke and Warren Thomson** (jointly, on Five Eyes/GCSB/Waihopai) – **11 a.m. - 12.30 p.m.**

b/ **Nicky Hager** (on researching skills) – **1.15 - 2.45 p.m.**

c/ **Kyle Matthews** (on the history of non-violent direct action as a tactic, including during the nearly 30 years of the Waihopai campaign), along with **Liz Remmerswaal Hughes** (a Kiwi who was at the very recent protest activities at the very nasty US warfighting and spy base at Pine Gap in Australia). **Adi Leason**, one of the three **Waihopai Domebusters**, will also speak at this workshop. **3 – 4.15 p.m.**

4/ We are delighted to confirm a screening of Errol Wright and Abi King-Jones' excellent 112 minutes documentary “**The 5th Eye**” as the conclusion to that day of workshops. This will be the first (and maybe the only) Blenheim screening. **5 p.m.**

This time around it will be a protest at the base, a solid day of fascinating workshops with national (not to mention global) experts and the best film on the subject.

Make sure you register in advance (details below) so that we know how many to expect for the workshops. We also need to know numbers in advance for catering and camping purposes.

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January 27-29, 2017

2016 has seen the Government change the law to remove previous restrictions on domestic spying by the **NZ Government Communications Security Bureau (GCSB)**. Not only does it systematically spy on New Zealanders – but it also routinely spies on any number of other countries, on behalf of the **US National Security Agency (NSA)**. And the NSA spies on everyone. It is essential that more pressure is put on the Government to put an end to the anti-democratic and destructive activities of this NZ spy agency.

New Zealand's role as an American ally is being steadily reconstituted. But our most significant contribution to Washington's global effort to manipulate world business and diplomacy is, and has been for nearly 30 years, the Waihopai electronic intelligence gathering base, located in the Waihopai Valley, near Blenheim. It is controlled by the US, with NZ (including Parliament and the Prime Minister) having little or no idea what goes on there, nor any control.

First announced in 1987, Waihopai is operated by the **GCSB** in the interests of the foreign Powers grouped together in the super-secret **Five Eyes Agreement** (which shares global electronic and signals intelligence among the intelligence agencies of the US, UK, Canada, Australia and NZ). Its satellite interception dishes intercept a huge volume of civilian telephone calls, e-mail and computer data communications, including Twitter, Facebook and the like.

Five Eyes is the reason for the existence of both the GCSB and Waihopai. John Key has said that NZ's ongoing military involvement with the tragic

consequences of US policy in the Middle East is "the price of belonging to the club" i.e. Five Eyes, which is accountable only to its own constituent agencies, not governments, and certainly not citizens. Getting out of Five Eyes is vital to NZ becoming a truly independent nation

Join us for the weekend of anti-war protest at this spy base. Come prepared for roughing it and camping out. We provide the food (we cater for vegetarians but vegans will have to bring their own). Bring sleeping bag, groundsheet, a tent, torch, water bottle, eating utensils, clothing for all weather and temperatures, and \$40 (or \$20 unwaged) to cover costs. No open fires.

How to find our camp at Onamalutu: Take Highway 6 out of Blenheim (the Nelson road); cross the Wairau River bridge, take the first turn left into Northbank Road. Drive approximately 6 kms (15 minutes) to the bridge turn off to DoC's Onamalutu camp (turn right at sign, into Onamalutu Road and follow for 7 kms to camp site). It is a public camp with basic facilities. ABC has to pay a fixed charge per head.

Waihopai does not operate in the interests of New Zealanders or our neighbours. It spies on both. It has no proper oversight or control from our Government.

Basically it is a foreign spy base on NZ soil and directly involves us in America's wars and America's cynical manipulation of business and diplomatic affairs.

Waihopai must be closed!

I want to take part in the Weekend of Protest

Name _____

Address _____

Phone/mobile/Email _____

I enclose \$40 (\$20 unwaged) per person registration to cover costs \$_____

I want to make a donation to the Waihopai campaign \$_____

I can help with publicity in my area or network – Yes/No

CLOSE THE WAIHOPAI SPYBASE NOW!

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