

WAIHOPAI SPYBASE PROTEST

January 24-26, 2020

In light of the disastrous Trump Presidency – why is New Zealand still an active and willing part of the US Empire? The US intelligence and nuclear war machine controls the **NZ Government Communications Security Bureau**. The **GCSB** is now legally allowed to systematically spy on New Zealanders; as well as routinely spying on any number of other countries, on behalf of the **US National Security Agency (NSA)**. And the NSA spies on everyone. More pressure must be put on the Government to end the anti-democratic and destructive activities of this NZ spy agency.

New Zealand's most significant contribution to Washington's global effort to manipulate world business and diplomacy is, and has been for 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 PM) having little or no idea what goes on there, nor any control.

Apologists for Waihopai say that it is vital to "protect us from terrorists". Well, it did nothing to protect New Zealanders from the March 2019 Christchurch mosques massacre by an Australian fascist terrorist with extensive international links.

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 the likes of Twitter and Facebook, etc.

Five Eyes is the reason for the existence of both the GCSB and Waihopai. Getting out of Five Eyes is vital to NZ becoming a truly independent nation

Join us for the 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 money for registration (if paying on the weekend, cash only, no cheques). 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.

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. It is a foreign spy base on NZ soil and directly involves us in US wars and America's cynical manipulation of business and diplomatic affairs. It does absolutely nothing to keep New Zealanders safe from terrorist mass murderers. It serves no useful purpose at all.

CLOSE THE WAIHOPAI SPY BASE NOW!
Anti-Bases Campaign, Box 2258, Christchurch 8140
abc@chch.planet.org.nz www.converge.org.nz/abc

Registration is \$40 (\$20 unwaged) per person to cover costs

Payment to ABC, Kiwibank, 7 Waterloo Quay, Wellington, 389000 0619007 00.

Please include your name and "Waihopai Reg" or "Waihopai Don" as references and please email abc@chch.planet.org.nz when the deposit has been made, so that we can contact you.

If you wish to join ABC: annual membership is \$20 (includes sub to *Peace Researcher*)