

## **Purpose:**

Probably all of the 52 countries with defence forces in Afghanistan would like to bring them home, and what would that mean for ordinary Afghans?

And when the troops are withdrawn, how can the international community assist in the delivery of development assistance, human rights – including the education of women – and good governance, whether it be central or regional?

While New Zealand involvement through the SAS has been controversial and resulted in considerable criticism, the Provincial Reconstruction Team in the Bamyán Province is considered to have been one of the most successful missions. But there has to be a time limit and what should it be replaced with?

These are some of the issues raised at the excellent photographic exhibition held at Pataka in Porirua last year. Porirua has a sister city arrangement with Bamyán and plans to build on that relationship.

We especially welcome local Afghans and all who have an interest in Afghanistan and its people. There will be ample time for questions and discussion

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## **Background Papers:**

1. Lisbon Declaration November 2010  
Available at Seminar and NCCD website
2. Joint Briefing Papers by 29 Aid Organisations to Lisbon Summit Nov 2010  
Available at Seminar and NCCD website
3. New Zealand's Current Involvement in Afghanistan MFAT March 2011
4. War in Afghanistan – Carnegie Institute December 2010
5. Afghanistan: Humanitarianism under Threat Feinstein Int. Centre March 2009
6. Afghanistan – International Committee of the Red Cross
7. Security in Afghanistan Int Crisis Group November 2010
8. Dangerous Aid in Afghanistan Foreign Policy Doctors Without Borders Jan 2011  
Comment IRDVoces Jan 2011
9. Oxfam papers available at Seminar and on NCCD Website
10. Afghanistan in Time of Conflict Refugees International Dec 2010

## **OpEds:**

1. Get Real: That's the Road to Peace –Canadian Perspective Louise Arbour Dec 2010
2. Afghanistan: Exit vs Engagement Int. Crisis Group Nov 2010

## **Books available at Seminar**

Bamiyan-the Heart of Afghanistan - Pataka  
A Long Road to Progress - Richard Hall

## National Consultative Committee on Disarmament

Invites you  
to a Seminar

## Afghanistan:

## Exit then Engagement

Monday 28<sup>th</sup> March

Turnbull House  
Bowen St Wellington

3 pm – 9.30 pm

Background papers are on the web site  
[www.converge.org.nz/pma/nccd1laf.htm](http://www.converge.org.nz/pma/nccd1laf.htm)

## Programme

- 3.00 **Welcome and Introduction:**  
Dr Roderic Alley
- 3.10 **Overview and Politics of situation and ISAF deployments:**  
Dr William Maley Australian National University
- 4.00 **New Zealand's Defence Involvement**  
Colonel (Rtd) Richard Hall  
Commander of NZ PRT (2008/09)
- 4.50 **The Role of the Police:**  
Jacquelyn Shannon
- 5.25 **New Zealand's Development Assistance Programme:**  
Mike Seawright NZAID
- 6.00 Light Refreshments and a chance to Socialise.
- 6.30 **Human Rights Perspective**  
Marianne Elliott  
former UN Human Rights Officer in Ghor
- 7.15 **Afghan Campaign to Ban Cluster Munitions**  
Jamila Homayun, Campaigner during Oslo process to ban Cluster Munitions
- 8.00 **Agenda for Insiders**  
Afghan speakers  
To be confirmed

- 8.45 **Agendas for Outsiders**  
Bob Maysmor Porirua City Council  
Bamiyan Sister City project  
Pedram Pirnia  
2010 Emissary to Bamiyan and photographer

- 9.15 General discussion  
Summary

- 9.30 Close

### Brief Bio Keynote Speaker

**William Maley** BEc, LLB, MA (ANU), PhD (UNSW), Member of the Order of Australia (2002), Paul Cullen Award, Austcare (2003)

William Maley is the Director of the Asia-Pacific College of Diplomacy of the Australian National University. Professor Maley specialises in the politics of modern Afghanistan, and in the challenges of managing political transition in severely disrupted states. He is presently researching the problems of using electoral mechanisms to generate legitimacy in such environments, and was an observer at Afghanistan's elections in 2004, 2005 and 2009. Key appointments in the last ten years include: Chair, Refugee Council of Australia (RCOA); Member Foreign Affairs Council and Consultant United Nations Development Programme.

### Registration:

Name: .....

Address.....

Email.....

Organisation if applicable .....

Background papers Electronic/Hard copy

Dietary requirements.....

There is a small \$10 cover charge for refreshments which will include vegetarian and halal dishes. Can be paid on the day

Background papers and a final programme with brief bios will be sent to those who register interest in attending. Sent either electronically or in hard copy as requested.

Do pass this notice on to your friends and colleagues and encourage them to come.

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