

NZ HEALTH SYSTEM SCANDAL

While the health system's administrative bureaucracy obscenely enjoys exponential growth, (non) performance bonuses and gratuitous golden hand shake rewards, the overburdened health system (and most importantly the disadvantaged taxpaying public) scandalously suffer from reduced performance outcomes!!!

The Labour Government scandalously squanders more than twelve billion (12,000,000,000) tax payer dollars annually on the public health system and distressingly there is no corresponding increase in positive outcomes in health. While the public health system is in dire need of a drastic overhaul the core problem lies much deeper.

The Core Problem

With what could be interpreted as tightfisted self-indulgence the expenditure of additional and/or corrective finance is not policed in a diligent manner and a major part of additional finance is swallowed up by increased administration instead of being applied to where it is most drastically needed – improved health services for the public. This state of affairs must surely be nothing short of a scandal of mammoth proportions

Diligent Oversight Required

What is needed is a specialised **Investigative Oversight Committee** to rejuvenate and streamline the health sector.

The role of this committee would be an ongoing examination of the operation of the Ministry of Health, the Australian New Zealand Food Safety Authority (which plays an important role in basic health) as well as Health Boards with subsequent correlated reporting to Parliament on a quarterly basis.

Further still, provisions are required to ensure onsite, hands-on formalised investigative probes to provide input for this committee as well as involvement from parliamentarians, industry stakeholders, healthcare practitioners and the public with submissions similar to the Select Committee process.

The primary guiding principle for the Investigative Oversight Committee would be to ensure that administrators' performance meets the requirements for a productive and efficient public health care system.

The public health care system should be lean and efficient, focused on result outcomes and not a feather bed for non-productive bureaucrats.

**Take Care Now
Yours in health**

Repair the broken down, under performing health care system – vote for the party that will UNDERTAKE that REPAIR!!!

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The basis of cure for our failing and inefficient public health care system resides in establishing investigative oversight and with specific parliamentarians ensuring diligent responsibility and accountability enforcement.

Wise Words

When I cast my vote I will keep in mind the wise man's words **“Vote for what is good for the country”** and not selfishly for what I think is good for me. With a majority of electors following these wise words you will be playing your part in building a New Zealand that we can all be proud of.

My Vote

The political party that would embrace and enact the above policy aimed at **repairing the public health system** and the party that **guarantees publicly to abolish** the Australian New Zealand Therapeutic Goods Agency Treaty would certainly be worth my vote and the vote of all New Zealanders who are concerned with the state of our public health care system.

Conclusion

Based on past performance and announced policies in regard to health there is no doubt in my mind that the Green Party and the National Party should be to the forefront of our decision making when casting a vote in the 2008 election.

What is **patently unclear**, however, is whether the Greens coalition agreement with Labour will result in the **underhanded Australian Treaty being abolished**.

At this time **greater clarity is required** as Election Day looms. The New Zealand Charter of Health Practitioners Incorporated membership (**9,500**) plus **125,000** of their anti-treaty supporters represent a considerable voting block who view health as a pivotal influence in this election.

A final determination will be advised when the political parties concerned respond to this email!

