

A seminar on
*Carbon Neutrality and the Voluntary
Carbon Market in New Zealand*

Date: Wednesday 31 October

Location: Victoria University of Wellington, Pipitea Campus, Lambton Quay
Rutherford House Lecture Theatre 2 (LT2)

PROGRAMME

8.30 **Registration**

8.45 **Session 1: The Big Picture.**

Speakers will describe what is happening in the Carbon Neutrality and Voluntary Carbon Market 'space' internationally, including how this impacts on the 'NZ Inc' brand. What are the lessons and opportunities here for New Zealand? What is an appropriate vision for how carbon neutrality programmes and the voluntary carbon market can contribute to domestic climate change action and our international brand.

- Rod Oram
- Michael Molitor, Carbon Shift (Australia)
- Murray Ward, GtripleC

Followed by Q&A

9.45 *15 minute 'coffee' break on the mezzanine floor*

10.00 **Session 2: Early Mover Experiences – presentations and discussion**

Central government speakers will describe the Carbon Neutral Public Service programme and work on Eco-verification. Local government will describe initiatives for carbon neutral cities. Private sector firms will describe leading carbon neutral programmes, including how this is providing brand recognition internationally and a domestic market for voluntary 'carbon offsets'.

- Philip Millichamp, Ministry for the Environment
- Roger Perkins, Ministry for Economic Development
- Zach Rissel, Wellington City Council
- Ann Smith, Landcare Research – carboNZero
- tbc, Meridian Energy
- (invited) tbc, Grove Mill Wines
- Philip Mladenov, Contact Energy
- Greg Adlam ANZ Bank

Followed by Q&A

11.15 **Session 3 : Functional Elements – presentations and discussion**

Speakers will describe domestic and international progress in the various elements that underpin the credibility of a voluntary carbon market, i.e. standards and accreditation, verification and certification services, trading platforms and unit registries.

- Rupert Posner, The Climate Group (Australia)
- Julia Hoare, PricewaterhouseCoopers
- Jacqueline Robertson, Deloitte
- Andrew Baines AgriQuality
- Joanna Silver, NZX
- Alistair Dixon MCo
- Christine Turner, Trade Me

Followed by Q&A

12.30 **Ends**.....Followed by further networking over a light lunch on the mezzanine floor

