



**School of Government and Institute of Policy Studies
Lunchtime Seminar Series**

**A Growing Need for Links Between
Society, Policy and Research
on Climate Change**



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To those of us who are climate scientists, the last few years seem to have shown that some aspects of our climate are starting to change either faster or by more than we had expected. At the same time, the media are often portraying a society with increasing dubiousness about this science, while policymakers seem to be faced with increasing inertia for establishing any significant collective response. There is increasing recognition that we do have to adapt in a changing world, but is our environment now moving more rapidly than humanity can?

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Time: 12:30 – 1:30 pm

Venue: Wellington Railway Station, Level 5, Room 501