

in association with the Human Rights Commission, invites you to:

## **Pension Forum: New Zealand Superannuation and Overseas Pensions: Issues and Principles for Reform**

**When:** 1pm to 5pm, Wednesday 24 February 2010

**Where:** Case Room 3, level 0, Owen G. Glenn Building,  
The University of Auckland, 12 Grafton Road, Auckland

### **The Forum:**

Abatement of their overseas retirement pensions has caused distress for many New Zealand immigrants, as expressed in complaints to the Human Rights Commission (HRC), the Courts, the Ministry of Social Development (MSD), the Retirement Policy and Research Centre (RPRC), the embassies of the countries in which the pensions originate, and in the media. The HRC has assisted in funding the RPRC to produce research on the historical and current legislative and policy frameworks surrounding entitlement to and abatement of New Zealand Superannuation (NZS). The [2-07 paper](#) surveys complaints of unfair treatment; and critiques the latest official reports and current policy in light of these complaints. The [1-09 paper](#) analyses how the principles governing the pension structures in different countries are communicated and perceived. The [2-09 paper](#) suggests a policy framework based on principles of equity; transparency; sustainability; economic efficiency; and administrative simplicity. It also suggests options for enduring and appropriate policies for treatment of overseas pensions given rapid population ageing and increased global integration. These policy options, which are also set out in the [Executive Summary](#) of the working paper, are to be debated at the Forum.

The Forum will serve multiple purposes:

- 1) Launching the RPRC/HRC Working Papers: *2009/1 Literature Review*; and *2009/2 New Zealand Superannuation and Overseas Pensions: Issues and Principles for Reform*;
- 2) Discussing an appropriate interpretation of overseas pensions ie state-funded vs individually funded/earnings related pensions; and
- 3) Debating the merits of the proposed Options 1 and 2 for a fairer treatment of overseas pensions and NZS; and determine a preferred option.
- 4) Developing a contact list for future collection of individual's stories/experiences;
- 5) In the final Forum session, the attendees can decide their next steps in promoting change to more equitable pension policy.

### **About the Retirement Policy and Research Centre (RPRC)**

The RPRC is an independent, academically focused centre specialising in the economic issues of demographic change. The RPRC's sphere of interest includes:

- public and private provision of retirement income;
- the accumulation and decumulation phases of retirement saving;
- accident compensation;
- tax and transfer policy.

There is more information on the RPRC [here](#).

**About the Human Rights Commission (HRC)**

The HRC works for a fair, safe and just society, where diversity is valued and human rights are respected. The HRC’s sphere of interest includes:

- civil, political, social, cultural and economic rights;
- everyone is equally entitled to human rights without discrimination;
- encouraging harmonious relationships between individuals and among the diverse groups in New Zealand society.

There is more information on the HRC [here](#).

**Pension Forum Registration** (there is no cost to attending):

Please email the following details to Dr M.Claire Dale, as below.

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