

CPAG legal case has begun: you can help

CPAG's legal case has been presented to the Human Rights Review Tribunal. **The Crown are now presenting their case.** There has been extensive public and media interest. You can help support our case by

- **Coming along to observe!** If you are in the Wellington area, and can spare an hour or so, or more, it would be brilliant if you were able to come and observe the hearing. This week: **tomorrow Wed and Thurs, key managers involved in developing and evaluating Working for Families will defend their policy.** This is your chance to show them the public is really listening.

The hearings are held at 86 Customhouse Quay, from 10am-1pm (with a break from 11:30 – 11:45) and then again in the afternoon from 2:15 – 5:15ish, also with a break in the middle there. There will be more sessions next week and quite possibly the week after (reply to this email if you'd like confirmation of when that is, or ring the Ministry of Justice 04 918 8800 to find out when the Tribunal will be sitting for CPAG vs Attorney General. The most important time for us all will be the summing up time, scheduled for July 14-18. We are aiming for standing-room-only for that! Afterward, the tribunal judges will go away and consider the evidence and arguments, and make their ruling.

- Writing to the New Zealand Herald in response to **Tapu Misa's column** yesterday highlighting the case. It's not too late – only *one* (unsupportive!) letter has been published - - and even if yours is not published the paper does keep a close eye on what is of interest to

people - - also those from out of Auckland sometimes seem more likely to be published, rather than less. Thanks to all who wrote last time!
Tapu Misa's column is at

http://www.nzherald.co.nz/section/466/story.cfm?c_id=466&objectid=10516486&pnum=0

- Generally, phoning or emailing media to let them know how important their coverage of the case is, and by speaking up for children's rights in public debates about the case including via letters to the editor, comments on blogs and phone calls to talkback radio.
- Keep an eye on our website www.cpag.org.nz for updates.

More about the case:

CPAG is being represented by the Office of Human Rights Proceedings, in a legal case before the Human Rights Review Tribunal at the AMP Chambers, 86 Customhouse Quay, Wellington, scheduled to sit from 10am every day for the next couple of weeks and open to the public. The group alleges the In-Work Tax Credit is discriminatory and damaging, because children whose parents cannot meet a work test are ineligible for the support needed to keep them out of poverty. Read a [summary](#) of the case or background about the [progress of the case](#).

Legal case addresses hole in safety net for poorest children – CPAG media release

3 Jun 2008

The CPAG legal case alleges the In-Work Tax Credit discriminates against 220 000 children, on the basis of work status. This discrimination leaves around 150 000 of them in severe or significant hardship by denying their families at least \$60 per week in support for children.

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Other news

All titles are links, when underlined in colour:

CPAG on Budget Tax Changes

23 May 2008

The poorest 150,000 children in New Zealand will be left even further behind after yesterday's Budget changes to the tax system, says the Child Poverty Action Group (CPAG).

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[Budget 08: Steve Poletti speech to CPAG post-Budget breakfast](#)

29 May 2008

CPAG Economist Dr Steve Poletti found little in the Budget to prevent NZ's lowest family incomes from slipping further behind others as an economic slowdown appears.

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[Financial Advisors Bill - Supplementary](#)

16 May 2008

Child Poverty Action Group (CPAG) encourages the Finance and Expenditure committee to consider the impact of this Bill and the associated policies on low income and vulnerable families and their children.

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Thanks for your help

CPAG needs ongoing financial support to sustain its research and advocacy programme and to raise awareness of poverty in NZ. Many thanks to those who support us in this important work. Please send donations to Box 56-150 Mt Eden, Auckland or bank directly into our Kiwibank account 38-9003-0066858-00.

CPAG thanks the JR McKenzie Trust and Hostel of the Holy Name Trust for ongoing support. CPAG does not accept funds from the proceeds of gambling.

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