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Charity Auction - Three original Tom Scott cartoons from the Inside Child Poverty documentary!

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Child Poverty Action Group is auctioning on Trade Me a set of three Tom Scott cartoons, originally drawn for the **Inside Child Poverty** documentary shown on TV3 last year just before the election.

The brilliant cartoons cover a turbulent time in New Zealand's history and, in a nutshell, sum up the neo-liberal reforms of the 80's and 90's.

The cartoons are a prize for collectors and anyone who lived through New Zealand's economic revolution. They feature fabulous caricatures of Robert Muldoon, Roger Douglas and Ruth Richardson.

Tom Scott is one of New Zealand's best cartoonists. He has won numerous awards, including New Zealand Cartoonist of the Year (five times), Columnist of the Year, and Political Columnist of the Year (three times).

TV reviewer Simon Wilson called the Inside Child Poverty documentary "Outstanding. The most significant piece of New Zealand Television in years" Award winning director Bryan Bruce has made documentaries on crime, natural history, child poverty, mental health and iconic Kiwis. He is a passionate advocate for NZ children through his Facebook page; Inside Child Poverty.

Tom Scott has kindly donated these cartoons to Child Poverty Action Group to help raise funds towards its 2012 Appeal: A fair go for all Kiwi Kids. Tom will sign each cartoon once the auction has been won, personalising them for the lucky winner.

Child Poverty Action Group aims to raise \$70,000 to continue a long running human rights case. In July 2012, the Court of Appeal granted leave to appeal against the decision of the High Court in relation to CPAG's claim of discrimination against the 230,000 children of beneficiaries. The claim relates to the In Work Tax Credit which is part of Working for Families, a package that has a key aim to alleviate child poverty. CPAG argues this discrimination cannot be justified on moral or ethical grounds or on the grounds that it provides a work incentive. Associate Professor Susan St John, CPAG Economics spokesperson says the IWTC has been spectacularly unsuccessful in moving sole parents into work: "The policy makes no economic sense. There are many ways to make work pay that don't involve punishing the poorest children."

Help CPAG continue to fight for the rights of New Zealand's poorest children. One in five children in poverty cannot be our future.

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