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## NOTICE OF PUBLIC ADDRESS

Speaker	<b>Dr. Wayne Mapp</b>
Topic	<i>Some Observations On The Challenges In New Zealand's Defence Planning</i>
Date & Time	<b>Thursday 8 August 2023 from 6 pm to 7 pm</b>
<b>NEW LOCATION</b>	<b>Victoria Uni. Premises, The Chancery, Level 4, 50 Kitchener Street, Auckland</b>
Synopsis	<p>Hon. Winston Peters, the Minister of Foreign Affairs and Trade, recently spoke of the inadequacy of Defence Force funding, and the need for an increase.</p> <p>Major decisions are required as to <i>allocation</i> of any new funds e.g. as between capital items (e.g. ships and aircraft, or Army cannon) and non-capital items (e.g. salaries, and repairs to barracks).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Ships and aircraft require a lead-time of years. They reflect the technology of the era of purchase, but may be already obsolete in the era of deployment.</li><li>• Salaries and repairs may be a priority, to retain personnel and maintain structures.</li></ul> <p>Linked with more NZDF funding is the need for a strategic decision as to the extent of New Zealand's participation in the AUKUS Defence agreement involving Australia (the sole Ally), the Defence partners the USA and the UK, and Japan. Particularly, with the certainty that the USA will have a different President after 20 January 2025.</p> <p>Looming over all such considerations is the uncomfortable recognition that New Zealand has split interests. Its modes of government and society are connected to the USA and the UK, and the broader European world. Yet the economy is fastened to the PRC China, and other parts of Asia.</p>
Biographical Details	<p>Dr. Mapp is currently a commentator on Defence issues for DefSec magazine. He was a Member of Parliament for 15 years, holding office in the Key Administration as the Minister of Defence.</p> <p>Before Parliament he was a lawyer, with experience in practice and as an academic. He has law degrees from Universities in New Zealand and Canada, and a doctorate from the University of Cambridge in England.</p> <p>He undertook TF military service in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion RNZIR, reaching Captain rank.</p>

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