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About the Event

Purpose	To speak at the Health Coalition Aotearoa Forum & Annual General Meeting 2024 on New Zealand becoming smokefree in a segment titled <i>"Can we still be smokefree? Smokefree Environments and Regulated Products: Where to from here and future leading actions"</i> .
Event details	Date: 24 September 2024 Time: 11.00am to 11.35am Venue: Grand Hall, Parliament
Attendees	Chairs and speakers: Grant Berghan, Dr Sally Mackay, Dr Karen Wright, Professor Boyd Swinburn, Professor Lisa Te Morenga, Dr Mataroria Lyndon, Professor Sharon Friel, Dr Owen Sinclair, Tania Henderson (Ngati Ruawaipu, Ngāti Porou), Kristen Maynard (Rongowhakaata, Ngāti Porou, Ngāti Kahungunu and Ruapani), Professor Chris Bullen, Max Rashbrooke, Dr Di Sarfati, Dr Andrew Old, Kevin Hague. Others working in the health sector including front line staff, Non-governmental organisations (NGOs), policy analysts, researchers and academics may also be in attendance.
Organisation	Health Coalition Aotearoa is an advocacy-based partnership of health-related NGOs, professionals, and academics working to reduce harm from tobacco, alcohol, unhealthy food and to advance public health equity.
Ministry of Health representatives	Dr Diana Sarfati (Director-General of Health, Ministry of Health) Dr Andrew Old (Deputy Director-General, Public Health Agency Te Pou Hauora Tūmatanui) Kevin Hague (Public Health Advisory Committee Chair).
Other information	Your role is to speak for 15 minutes during the session titled <i>"Can we still be smokefree? Smokefree Environments and Regulated Products: Where to from here and future leading actions"</i> . You will take part in a 10-minute Q&A session, chaired by Jacqui Harema, Chief Executive, Hāpai te Hauora. The session will also include a speech from public and population health expert, Professor Chris Bullen.
Media	We have not been made aware that media are attending at this time.

Background and context

Purpose of meeting

1. You have agreed to speak at the annual Health Coalition Aotearoa Forum & Annual General Meeting 2024 in Wellington on 24 September 2024. The theme for this forum is Advocacy and Equity – Catalysts for Change.
2. This is a one-day event, and you will be speaking at and taking part in a Q&A in Break Out Session 2 '*Can we still be smokefree? Smokefree Environments and Regulated Products: Where to from here and future leading actions.*' This session is scheduled from 11.00am to 11.35am and you have a 15-minute timeslot to speak. You will be speaking in this session alongside Professor Chris Bullen of University of Auckland, School of Population Health and Health Coalition Aotearoa Smokefree Expert Advisory Group member.
3. This is an opportunity for you to clarify the Government's position and to reiterate your commitments to the Smokefree 2025 goal, to reducing youth vaping, and to strengthening compliance and enforcement. This is also an opportunity to hear policy suggestions to help the Government to achieve the Smokefree 2025 goal.
4. We propose the key areas to highlight in your speech for this session include:
 - a. trends in smoking prevalence
 - b. what the Government has done and intends to do in the smokefree space
 - c. the development of a strengthened regulatory regime
 - d. support of stop smoking service providers.

Background

5. Health Coalition Aotearoa is an advocacy-based partnership of health-related NGOs, professionals, and academics working to reduce harm from tobacco, alcohol, unhealthy food, and to advance public health equity. It is made up of 45 member organisations and has four focus areas which are:
 - a. tobacco and vaping
 - b. alcohol
 - c. unhealthy food
 - d. public health infrastructure.
6. Health Coalition Aotearoa opposed the repeal of the changes to the Smokefree Environments and Regulated Products Act 1990 brought in by the previous government. The Coalition is also concerned about youth vaping.
7. Health Coalition Aotearoa has expressed their opposition to the Government's approach to tobacco and vaping control publicly.

Attendees

8. Registration for the Health Coalition Aotearoa Forum & Annual General Meeting 2024 is open to the public and targeted to those who work to improve the health of New Zealanders, including front line staff, NGOs, policy analysts, researchers, and academics.

9. Jacqui Harema (Chief Executive, Hāpai te Hauora) will be chairing the session at which you and Professor Chris Bullen will be speaking. Their profiles can be found in Appendix 4.
10. Ministry of Health representatives for this event include Dr Diana Sarfati (Director-General, Ministry of Health) and Dr Andrew Old (Deputy Director-General, Public Health Agency, Te Pou Hauora Tūmatanui), and both will be speakers in later sessions.
11. Other sessions will be chaired by the Health Coalition Aotearoa Board members Grant Berghan, Professor Lisa Te Morenga, Professor Boyd Swinburn, Dr Sally Mackay, Dr Karen Wright, and Jacinta Fa'alili-Fidow.
12. The other speakers at the forum include Dr Mataroria Lyndon, Professor Sharon Friel, Kevin Hague, Tania Henderson, Kristen Maynard, Max Rashbrooke, and Dr Owen Sinclair.

Appendices

13. Attached to this briefing to support this event are:
 - a. Appendix 1: Draft run-sheet for event – 24 September
 - b. Appendix 2: Speech notes
 - c. Appendix 3: Back pocket Q&A's
 - d. Appendix 4: Attendee profiles.



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Appendix 1: Draft run-sheet – 24 September

Time	Details	Minister's Office notes
11.00am	Opening of session ' <i>Can we still be smokefree? Smokefree Environments and Regulated Products: Where to from here and future leading actions</i> '.	
	Hon Casey Costello, Associate Minister of Health addresses and speaks at the forum.	
11.15am	Second speaker, public and population health expert, Professor Chris Bullen (University of Auckland, School of Population Health and Health Coalition Aotearoa Smokefree Expert Advisory Group member) addresses and speaks at the forum.	
11.25am	Q&A session, chaired by Jacqui Harema (Chief Executive, Hāpai te Hauora), begins following the speakers.	
11.35am	Session finishes.	

Appendix 2: Speech notes

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Appendix 3: Back pocket Q&As

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Appendix 4: Attendee profiles

Jacqui Harema, Hāpai te Hauora

Jacqui (Ngāpuhi, Ngāti Hamoa) is currently the Chief Executive at Hāpai Te Hauora. Previously she has spent over 20 years at Te Whānau o Waipareira where she held various roles including frontline support with whānau, implementing quality management systems, driving strategy and innovation. Additionally, she has been involved in supporting work streams for the Whānau Ora Commissioning Agency, playing a crucial role in the COVID-19 response, and serving as the Chair of the Te Pae Herenga o Tāmaki Whānau Ora collective for the past seven years.



Professor Chris Bullen, University of Auckland, School of Population Health, and Health Coalition Aotearoa Smokefree Expert Advisory Group member

Chris Bullen is a Professor of Public Health at the University of Auckland/Waipapa Taumata Rau's School of Population Health and a member of Health Coalition Aotearoa's Smokefree Expert Advisory Group. He is a public health physician who has worked in clinical and public health roles in low-income primary care settings overseas and in Aotearoa, New Zealand. Over the past 20 years, he has undertaken research on many aspects of tobacco control, with a focus on identifying new ways of assisting people who smoke to quit. His current research includes assessing the scale of the illicit tobacco trade, vaping product waste as an environmental hazard, and exploring novel digital tools to assist people with chronic respiratory diseases to maintain good health. Chris is the immediate past president and a fellow of the Society for Research on Nicotine and Tobacco, the world's leading nicotine and tobacco research organisation.

