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The Institute for Governance and Policy Studies and Transparency International New Zealand are jointly sponsoring a series of seminars over the next six months on improving the quality of governance in New Zealand.

The first of these will be on the topic of political lobbying.

## Bringing Transparency to Political Lobbying in New Zealand

Speaker: Holly Walker, MP

Respondent: Dr Chris Eichbaum, School of Government

9 November 2012, 12.30-1.30pm

Rutherford House, Lecture Theatre 3

All Welcome

The Lobbying Disclosure Bill (a Member's Bill in the name of Holly Walker, MP) is designed to bring a measure of transparency to political lobbying in New Zealand by establishing a statutory register of lobbyists and a lobbying code of conduct. It was drawn from the Parliamentary ballot in April 2012 and passed its first reading with unanimous support in July. It is currently before the Government Administration Committee.

**Holly Walker** was elected to Parliament on the Green Party list in the 2011 general election, and is the Green Party Spokesperson for Children, Housing, Youth, Arts Culture and Heritage, Electoral Reform, and Open Government. She has an Honours degree in English and Politics from the University of Otago, and in 2007 took up a Rhodes Scholarship to the University of Oxford where she completed a Masters in Development Studies specialising in New Zealand social policy.

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