

The New Zealand Centre for Public Law invites you to a Public Lecture:

The Role of the Speaker of the House of Representatives

Hon Dr Lockwood Smith

Speaker of the House of Representatives

Dr Smith will reflect on the nature of his duties and the changes he has brought about.

Hon Dr Lockwood Smith is one of New Zealand's most experienced parliamentarians having represented the Kaipara and now Rodney electorate since 1984. During the 1990s, Dr Smith served as a senior minister in the various National-led Governments. He was elected Speaker of the House of Representatives after the 2008 election. Dr Smith will speak about the constitutional role of Speaker, including discussing the evolution of the role during his tenure.

Prior to entering politics, Dr Smith was the New Zealand Dairy Board's marketing manager for Central and South East Asia. He had previously been a university lecturer and also hosted educational children's television shows in Australia and New Zealand. He continues to run a beef farming operation in Northland.

When: Tuesday, 11 May 2010 12:30 p.m.-1:30 p.m. (GMT+12:00) Auckland, Wellington.

Where: RHLT2