

Celebrating Sir David Skegg's  
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## The Health of the People

6.00–8.00 pm (doors open 5.30pm)

Wednesday 17th April

National Library of New Zealand, Wellington

**Speaker: Sir David Skegg,**

**Chair: Professor Diana Sarfati**

**All welcome. Refreshments will be served**

Eminent medical researcher Sir David Skegg argues that health crises such as the 2016 Havelock North campylobacteriosis outbreak and the recent measles outbreak highlight weaknesses in our country's health infrastructure. Critically, these weaknesses are already evident in problems ranging from child nutrition to cancer – problems exacerbated by lobbying by powerful commercial interests.

New Zealand must, Skegg explains, invest more in public health and find the political will needed to oppose the forces that damage health: we neglect public health at our peril.

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### Speaker information

Sir David Skegg is an epidemiologist and public health physician with a highly esteemed career spanning many decades. His research has focused on cancer causes and control, contraceptive and drug safety, and reproductive health.

Professor Diana Sarfati is the Head of Department and Director of the Cancer and Chronic Conditions (C3) research group, Department of Public Health, University of Otago.

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AND COMMITMENT.'

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