You are cordially invited to a seminar organized by the Department of Environmental Sciences and Policy on:

**The Creating Futures Project:**
**Linking Science to Policy for Effective Governance**

By

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CEU, Popper room

**Creating Futures Project** ([www.creatingfutures.org.nz](http://www.creatingfutures.org.nz))
The purpose of the NZ Government (Foundation of Science, Research and Technology) funded Creating Futures project (2006 – 2010) was to develop and apply planning and communication tools to make informed choices for the future. A key output of the project was an integrated spatial model of the Waikato region (WISE – Waikato Integrated Scenario Explorer).

The seminar will outline the tools developed by the Creating Futures project and demonstrate their application for regional planning and decision making using real-life examples. Tools discussed include: outlooks and scenarios, deliberation processes, indicators, integrated spatial computer model ((WISE)

**Presenter profile**

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