

## Key Political Events: Mid-June – mid-July 2008

- Sergeant Derek Wootton buried
- ANZ outsourcing jobs to India
- 5 year old, Ma Xin Xin kidnapped
- 39 Indian Pilgrims abscond while on travel visas
- National to allow other insurers to compete with ACC
- Winston Peters denies receiving donations from Owen Glenn
- Helen Clark has possible concerns over TVNZ's handling of assault by Tony Veitch
- Petrol prices go up and then down at the pump
- Transport and food costs see inflation rise to 4%
- National promises not to cut arts funding
- Key tells Asians fighting crime is a priority
- Formal complaint levelled against Maori Party candidate Derek Fox after fight with ex-partner
- Woman's mouth taped at Belhaven Rest Home
- Trevor Mallard slams ANZ report accusing government of spending in non-productive areas
- Police want Auckland City Council to end 24 hour licensing
- Police and Department of Corrections apologise for allowing jailed man to kill woman while on police witness protection
- Campaign to conserve energy continues
- National under pressure to release its KiwiSaver plans
- National will open TV charter meaning TVNZ will need to compete for millions of dollars
- Peter Low threaten to use Triads as personal security
- National proposes 90 day trial period with new workers
- National intent on tax cuts in spite of economic slow down
- Labour quiz Key over his involvement in initial sell-off of rail
- Government to buy back rail and ferry services for \$690m+
- Jim Bolger to chair Kiwi Rail
- Junior doctors threaten strike action
- Truck drivers protest road user charges with major city blockades
- Key criticised for 'ill-informed' comments about New Zealand's colonial history
- Ministers to be quizzed by Auditor General over Mary-Anne Thompson affair
- "Treelords" treaty deal signed by Ngata Raukawa and Crown
- Consumer confidence at its lowest since 1991 (Westpac McDermott Miller Index)
- Smacking referendum in 2009 according to Helen Clark