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A group of New Zealanders has established the *New Zealand Taxpayers' Union* to give Kiwi taxpayers a stronger voice in the corridors of power. The *Taxpayers' Union* begins operations today.

The *Taxpayers' Union* is a politically independent grassroots campaign to lower the tax burden on New Zealanders and reduce wasteful government spending.

Chairman John Bishop says, *"we've come together to promote sensible fiscal management, to expose government waste and to promote policies to make public spending work better. Government, politicians and taxpayer funded groups are on notice that we are looking to expose waste or rorts."*

"We're asking New Zealanders to join us and report government waste via a 'tip line' on our website."

Executive Director Jordan Williams notes that *"thousands of organisations and special interest groups lobby for more tax-and-spend. The Taxpayers' Union will ensure that at least one group is looking after hard working Kiwis whose taxes pay for politicians' promises."*

David Farrar, a member of the Union Board says *"the concern for our members is that vast amounts of public money is being spent by government on our behalf and we don't get enough value for that money. Our aims aren't just to slow the growth of government spending, but to make public spending work better."*

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