

## PRESENTERS



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The National Cyber Policy Office (NCPO) leads and coordinates the development and implementation of New Zealand's cyber security policy. Paul has led the NCPO since it was established in July 2012.

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Richard brings a rich mixture of experience from private legal practice, in-house legal counsel, policy and operational roles in the health sector and, more recently, policy and legal expertise in the Criminal Justice team at the Ministry of Justice. His team is responsible for developing policy advice on a wide range of crime related issues, including in relation to cyber-related aspects of criminal law.

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