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**Subject:** 1st call: 9 November NZISF Seminar - Legal Obstacles to Vulnerability Research  
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New Zealand Information Security Forum (NZISF) invites you and your friends to the November breakfast meeting:

**Date:** Thursday, 9 November 2017

**Time:** 7:30 am, **be on time, please!**

**Venue:** Seminar venue: The University of Auckland School of Business, Owen Glen Building, 12 Grafton Rd, CBD, Auckland.  
Breakfast: "Excel" café, Level 1,  
Presentation: OGGB Building, Room 325, Level 3

**Cost:** NZISF, NZSA and IITP members - \$30, students - \$15, all others - \$ 35, Cash or cheque, no credit cards. Alternatively, credit my (i.e. K A R Tawa account at 38-9005-0118471-03. Please put the note with the payment: "NZISF November *your name*" and send me an email about the payment.

**Topic:     **Legal Obstacles to Vulnerability Research****

Under the current law, access to a computer system without authorisation is a crime. This means that conducting vulnerability research can be very constrained. Yet the proper testing of systems for possibly vulnerabilities is necessary to maintain up to date security. In this presentation I set out the current law, why it poses problems for vulnerability research which, it is contended, is necessary, the risk of criminal liability and a proposal for a specific defence to a charge of unauthorised access to a computer system.

**Presenter: **David Harvey****

David Harvey (LLB; MJur; PhD) is Director of the New Zealand Centre for ICT Law at the Faculty of Law, University of Auckland. Prior to his appointment to that position in July 2016 he was a District Court Judge for 27 and a half years after having practiced as a barrister and solicitor in litigation for 18 years.

He has taught Law and Information Technology at the Law School for the last 17 years. He has written the leading text on Internet Law in New Zealand "*internet.law.nz – Selected Issues*" published by LexisNexis and now in its 4<sup>th</sup> edition. Other publications include "*The Law Empryted and Englysshed: The printing press as an agent of change in law and legal culture 1475 – 1642*", "*Collisions in the Digital Paradigm: Law and Rule Making in the Internet Age*" published in March 2017 and "*Entertainment and Media Law in New Zealand*" co-authored with Dr Rosemary Tobin and published in October 2017.

He has written numerous journal articles and has presented at conferences in New Zealand and internationally on Law and Technology issues. He has been closely involved with judicial use of technology since 1990 and advised and consulted in this area throughout his judicial career. Prior to ascending the Bench he played a significant part in the introduction of technology to the law firm of which he was a partner.

He is married with 2 adult children – one a teacher, the other a lawyer.

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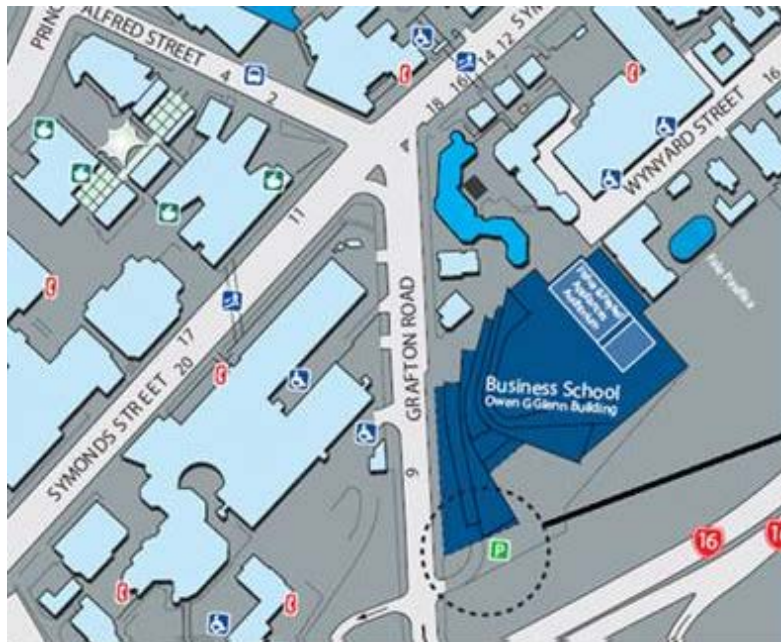
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