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### **LEANZ TRIBUTE TO SIR IVOR RICHARDSON**

The Law and Economics Association of New Zealand today expresses its sadness at the death of Sir Ivor Richardson.

Sir Ivor was the inaugural Patron of the Law and Economics Association of New Zealand in 1994. Sir Ivor gently but consistently encouraged the greater use of all disciplines, particularly economics, in conjunction with law - in the courts and in academia.

Just a few months ago, on 16 September 2014, Sir Ivor introduced the highly successful season of LEANZ symposia on law and economics over the past 20 years in New Zealand. He provided a characteristically careful and acute analysis concluding with these words:

Given how the Law Commission and Parliamentarians try to weigh all the relevant economic and social implications in developing legislation in these areas, it is still puzzling why our Law Schools' courses and our Courts, unlike their American and Canadian counterparts, fail to do so.

LEANZ, and the New Zealand legal and economics professions, will greatly miss Sir Ivor's open-minded and penetrating contribution to both disciplines. We offer our special condolences to his family.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "M Palmer".

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