



**The
New Zealand
Party**

POLICY STATEMENT

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A MESSAGE FROM THE LEADER



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Once again election year arrives and the political temperature rises. Promises will be made by two similar major parties desperate for power, large sums of money will be spent, claim and counter claim will be made, but at the end of it will you and I, the citizens of this country, be better off? Will we really have better government? Will the politicians put the needs of the nation before their own lust for power and party demands? Will the people you vote for be the people in control in 6 months, in 12 months, or in 2 years time? In short can you afford to trust either major party consisting as they do of unhappy coalitions of disparate viewpoints.

Are you really content with a system of government that allows each person one vote once every three years then hands absolute power to whichever party wins the election?

Are you satisfied that we are working towards a harmonious and fair society where all citizens are treated equally, free to develop and use their initiative and skills, and to enjoy this marvellous country which is ours?

The New Zealand Party changed political history in 1984. Regrettably the opportunity to affect the ongoing course of government was denied us and we have seen the result in continuous party mayhem and acrimony, growing unemployment, major policy zigzags, a dead economy, and an increasingly embittered society. The New Zealand Party was re-formed in 1986 by a group of caring, practical New Zealanders, who had been involved with the party — in many cases since its inception. We are determined to offer a better way of government for this country. Our goal is the pursuit of excellence in all aspects of New Zealand life — including the political! After the 1987 election we quietly got on with our own affairs hoping that one or the other of the major parties would start to act in the interests of the nation instead of themselves. Regrettably the reverse has happened. Consequently we have, somewhat reluctantly, decided to rejoin the murky world of politics to offer a programme of better government for this nation — our nation.

We are entering one of the most unstable decades of human history, both financially and socially. This will inevitably have major consequences politically. This nation desperately needs quality people in Parliament with a practical, workable, exciting vision for the future.

We ask you to think carefully this year about your important vote. To opt out of voting is a cop out, even if it is understandable given the state of the major parties. The only honest vote is for the person or party you believe will represent you best and with whose policies and principles you most agree.

A vote for the major parties is a vote for the status quo of political infighting, the wastage of taxpayer's money, non-accountable government, and continued divisiveness in society. We ask you to think carefully and positively about the exciting effect of placing quality New Zealand Party people, committed to accountable government and a just society, in Parliament. Your vote can make the difference in politics this year.

As we build up to the election, we need finance, quality candidates committed to our principles and policies, and workers in all electorates. We invite you to study this brochure and if you are in agreement with our programme for better government, we invite you to assist in whatever way you can.

TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE THE DIFFERENCE IN NEW ZEALAND THIS YEAR

PRINCIPLES AND OBJECTIVES OF THE NEW ZEALAND PARTY

1. FREEDOM:

To affirm that personal freedom is essential to human dignity and happiness, and to recognize that all our citizens must be free to think for themselves, to make their own decisions, and to accept responsibility for their own actions.

"Those who would deny freedom to others deserve it not for themselves."

2. GOVERNMENT:

To recognize that any government exists only to serve its citizens, not the reverse, and that our government may only exercise those powers which we, the people agree to delegate.

"Every nation has the government it deserves."

3. CONSTITUTION:

To establish a written Constitution which limits the powers of government by ensuring the rights, and defining the responsibilities, of all citizens.

"At present, no one's life, liberty or property is safe while Parliament is in session."

4. PRIDE:

To encourage all New Zealanders to take pride in their country and its multi-cultural heritage, fostering a community which finds strength in the diversity of its people.

"We shall have to learn again to be one nation or one day we shall be no nation."

5. PROSPERITY:

To promote a stable and prosperous nation through the free enterprise system, and to encourage private ownership of industry and property.

"The worth of a state is the worth of the individuals composing it."

6. TAXATION:

To recognize that both liberty and enterprise are most threatened by uncontrolled taxation, and to prescribe maximum rates of taxation in the written Constitution.

"The people are hungry; It is because those in authority eat up too much in taxes that the people are hungry."

7. INDUSTRIAL HARMONY:

To promote co-operation and better understanding between employers and employees; to protect the right to work through deregulation of the labour market, and to ensure that voluntary industrial agreements are honoured by all.

"Labour was the first price, the original money that paid for all things."

8. WELFARE:

To promote dignity and self-sufficiency through an adequate "safety net" welfare system which will protect citizens only from circumstances beyond their own control. To encourage all New Zealanders to accept personal responsibility for their own health, welfare, and retirement.

"The lessons of paternalism must be unlearned . . . There's no such thing as a 'free' lunch."

9. INDIVIDUALITY:

To respect the unique abilities and aspirations of all citizens, and to encourage the maximum fulfilment of each individual's personal potential.

"The society that puts equality before freedom will end up with neither."

"The society that puts freedom before equality will end up with a greater measure of both."

10. FAMILY:

To respect the family as the foundation stone upon which all human civilizations are built; to acknowledge that the fabric of society is woven from the threads of familial life, and to encourage the enjoyment and acceptance of family responsibilities.

"In every society, the individual family is always present. Everywhere, father, mother and young children constitute a social unit apart from the rest of the community."

11. ENVIRONMENT:

To recognize that we manage the Earth's resources as trustees for future generations, and that we can only honour that trust by actions which preserve and protect our natural environment.

"The future of humanity depends on the level of its character, not on the level of its technology."

12. PEACE:

To promote peace at all levels of human society, both at home and abroad. As citizens, to affirm that New Zealand is one indivisible nation, an integral part of Polynesia, and the wider world community. As individuals, to understand that we share in the achievements, and the responsibilities, of our family, our people, and all humankind.

"There are no passengers on Spaceship Earth. Everybody's crew."

[QUOTATIONS: 1. Abraham Lincoln; 2. Joseph De Maistre; 3. Mark Twain; 4. Margaret Thatcher; 5. John Stuart Mill; 6. Lao-tse; 7. Adam Smith; 8. Grover Cleveland; 9. Milton Friedman; 10. Robert H. Lowie; 11. Albert Einstein; 12. Marshall McLuhan ("denotes paraphrase").]

OUR NATION

The New Zealand Party views with grave concern the increasing bitterness and polarization in our society. There is a growing feeling that the issues which divide our community are not being dealt with fairly. The concept of a just and equal society, with one law for all New Zealanders but drawing on the best from all cultures to make that law, is not promoted or developed by this Government. Deep roots of bitterness — some of them going back centuries — threaten to tear apart the nation. Much more is needed than platitudes and half truths from Government to bring people face to face with the need to accept the past for what it is, to learn from it, and to ensure that we do not compound the mistakes of the past in this century.

A nation divided against itself cannot stand or flourish and until reconciliation is achieved we cannot have racial harmony. Bitterness about past injustices — some real and some merely perceived — must be overcome before we can claim, to be one nation. Long standing grievances between various tribes must be overcome, as must grievances between Maori and later settlers, or between any groups in our community.

For many grievances, forgiveness and reconciliation are the only answer. Children, many generations later, cannot be held accountable for the sins of their parents. Inter-marriage and a changed society blur the lines of debate and make any attempt to roll back history impossible to achieve.

There are however legitimate grievances that can and must be dealt with. The New Zealand Party believes emphatically that the principles given in the instructions to Captain Hobson, when he set out for New Zealand in 1839, that all things were to be done in “sincerity, justice and good faith,” still stand for today and cannot be improved upon.

The New Zealand Party believes that there be only one Justice system, one Education system, one Health system and one system of government for all New Zealanders. We will abolish all legislation which gives differing treatment to any person on the grounds of race, creed, or gender. We deplore however that our current systems have not attempted to incorporate the best from all our cultures into our society.

The New Zealand Party believes the macro issues of fisheries and major crown land claims must be dealt with effectively and quickly, leaving the Waitangi Tribunal to deal with smaller local issues. The Tribunal will be given the necessary resources and legal powers to examine claims and make redress for legitimate grievances involving crown and local body land. No private property may be taken to redress past wrongs.

The New Zealand Party deplores the fact that the good which was brought to New Zealand by the system of British law under article 3 of the Treaty of Waitangi is ignored.

Maori control and usage of fisheries was related to their control of adjacent and surrounding land. When control of the land changed, under Maori custom, control of the adjacent fisheries and forests standing on the land would pass to the new owners. However a new law and custom came into force with the Treaty of Waitangi — the concept of ‘The Crown’ holding in trust for all New Zealanders, the seas, the air, the high country, the lakes, the rivers, etc. Consequently, in the early days of European settlement, access to fisheries was no problem. There was plenty for all and all had access. That happy state of affairs has since been destroyed by government policy with the fisheries handed over to big business and will be destroyed even further if the proposed abolition of the Queen’s chain proceeds.

ONE NATION

IT IS THE RIGHT OF EVERY NEW ZEALANDER TO HAVE ACCESS TO THE BOUNTIFUL RESOURCES OF THIS LAND FOR BOTH RECREATION AND SUSTENANCE. CONSEQUENTLY A NEW ZEALAND PARTY GOVERNMENT WILL:

- (1) Ban all commercial fishing within 3 nautical miles of the coast except for owner operated line fishing boats with a maximum of 1 crewman plus skipper. We will ensure within this policy that Maori have equal access with every other New Zealander to fisheries. Conservation requirements will apply equally to all New Zealanders.
- (2) Entrench for all New Zealanders the ownership of all high country crown land, national parks, (and other such lands as may be deemed of sufficient recreational and conservation value), lakes, rivers, and the Queen's chain. These will be held in trust by the Crown and managed with due regard for the special needs and values of all New Zealanders. On behalf of all New Zealanders, we applaud the action of the Maori Council in stopping the Government from handing over crown lands to state-owned enterprises.
- (3) Annul all claims before the Waitangi Tribunal for the control of fisheries, the radio frequency spectrum, and crown land, freeing the Waitangi Tribunal to deal with more localised claims. Sufficient resources will be given to the Tribunal to ensure that all claims are dealt with within three years, then the Tribunal will be abolished.

THE NEW ZEALAND PARTY BELIEVES

New Zealand is a unique country with its very recent 1000 year history of settlement from Polynesia and around the world, blessed above most with its environment and resources. When the individualistic nature of its European settlers is harmonized with the communal values of its Polynesian settlers the country will be much stronger.

The Treaty of Waitangi is the founding document of modern New Zealand. The blend of British law and local control signified in the Treaty set the scene for orderly development. Local control must be reinforced.

The problem of multiple ownership of land must be addressed. Provision must be made in New Zealand law for tribal (and other) lands to be held in multiple ownership. The rights of those who put productive value into the land must however be protected.

All New Zealanders must be treated equally before the law. As the introduction of proportional representation will give fairer access to Parliament for all New Zealanders, the four Maori seats will be abolished.

We reject any concept of a bi-cultural New Zealand. We are a multi-cultural society within which each person is free to practice their culture, language, beliefs, and customs, provided these are not to the detriment of any other person.

We will annually on the 6th February celebrate NEW ZEALAND DAY to commemorate the founding of the modern New Zealand. All cultures will be invited to take part.

We look forward to all sections of New Zealand society working together for the fulfillment of the principles inherent in the Treaty of Waitangi to ensure that we can all walk tall in this fair land of ours.

"The nation is like a rope comprised of many strands. When the strands are bound together the rope is strong and useful. When it becomes unravelled each strand is weak and useless."

ELECTORAL REFORM

One of the most critical problems facing New Zealand is the non-accountability of government. One person, one vote every three years, and then absolute power to the winning party — and Labour have the audacity to ask you to give them four years of unbridled power! An election fought on a variety of issues and personalities is taken by the ruling party as a mandate to introduce any policy they want — irrespective of whether it may have been put to the electorate or not.

IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT YOU, THE PEOPLE, TAKE THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR CONTROL BACK INTO YOUR OWN HANDS. IT IS ALSO VERY SIMPLE!

The New Zealand Party is totally committed to the introduction of "Voters' Voice" Citizens Referendum. Our candidates will be bound by contract to do so.

HOW REFERENDUMS WOULD WORK

The first Saturday of October each year will be declared election/referendum day. National and local body elections will be held every four years at alternate 2 yearly intervals *SUBJECT TO THE AGREEMENT OF THE ELECTORATE IN A REFERENDUM*. Referendums will be available to the public combined with these elections and on their own in the intervening years.

The referendum process is very simple:—

1. Any petition which has a minimum of 30,000 registered voters signatures for national issues, or five per cent of the registered voters in any area for local body issues, must be submitted to the people in the next October referendum. These questions must be submitted by 30th June to provide a minimum of 3 months debate by the electorate.
2. Government will be bound to implement in law any petition passed by referendum within 3 months.
3. The facility for a special referendum will be available on any issue for which a petition with a minimum of 200,000 signatures is received by the electoral office for national issues or 25 per cent of registered voters in any area for local body issues.
4. Referendum can be used to veto new legislation. Such legislation becomes invalid from the time 30,000 signatures are presented on petition until such time as the people determine in the next referendum whether to veto or accept the new law.

IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT THIS SIMPLE, ECONOMIC, DEMOCRATIC CONTROL ON GOVERNMENT BE INTRODUCED WITHOUT DELAY.

NEW ZEALAND PARTY CANDIDATES ARE BOUND BY CONTRACT TO INTRODUCE CITIZENS REFERENDUM AT THE EARLIEST OPPORTUNITY.

The New Zealand Party believes Proportional Representation is a better, fairer way to ensure the voices of all New Zealanders are heard in Parliament. Parliament should be the forum of the people, not the battleground of the parties. Proportional representation will be put to the people for decision in the first referendum held under a New Zealand Party Government.

THERE IS A BIRTHDAY GIFT WE CAN GIVE OURSELVES. THE GIFT OF AN ACTIVE VOICE IN OUR OWN AFFAIRS

CITIZENS REFERENDUM AND PROPORTIONAL REPRESENTATION WILL MAKE THE DIFFERENCE IN POLITICS.

EDUCATION

New Zealand students now in school will confront problems in the workplace young people have never had to face before to the same degree: technologies are changing so rapidly that it is quickly becoming impossible to predict which careers are going to be important — or even in existence — in 10 or 20 years' time.

Today's students may have to retrain several times in the course of a working life. Learning itself will have become one of the major 'jobs' in the near future. Those who do stop learning will simply stop working.

The one certainty is that those young people who are not given a *love* of learning, tools for learning, and a basic knowledge on which to build, will be unable either to cope with the requirements of the workplace or to enjoy the additional leisure time which will be available.

To the great loss of the individual and the nation, our education system has now fallen into the hands of the social manipulators. Excellence and achievement are discouraged, and social issues have become more important than the facts of history, geography, maths, science, and English. "Tomorrow's Schools" have become today's disasters. The supposed community control promised in the programme has been subverted by the state. Schools are inadequately funded to meet the needs of students, while the bureaucracy, which was supposed to wither, has instead grown to take much of the finance which should have been invested in the students.

THE NEW ZEALAND PARTY IS TOTALLY COMMITTED TO EXCELLENCE AND ACHIEVEMENT IN EDUCATION TO THE MAXIMUM OF EACH CHILD'S ABILITY.

The sole role of the state in education is to ensure that there are high national standards in education and that each child has an equal opportunity to attain those standards.

The New Zealand Party will:

- Set a curriculum for core subjects in which achievement will be assessed by national examination at the 8th, 11th, and 13th years of formal education. The state will be responsible to ensure that suitable standards are maintained by all teachers and educational establishments.
- A credit will be provided for each student which may be used either at state or private establishments, including home schooling, so long as state standards of curriculum, teacher ability, and premises are met.
- Each school will be able to develop its own special character, in partnership with the community, and parents will be able to have a genuine choice as to the type of schooling their children receive.
- English is the primary language of New Zealand and the international community and the New Zealand Party will require all students to achieve a high proficiency in it. Students will also be encouraged to learn a second language of their choice.
- Formal education will be compulsory from age 4 to 18. Kindergartens will be incorporated into the education system. Work streaming will be available from the 9th year. Apprenticeships and other specialized training will be considered to be part of Education.
- Full-time tertiary students will be required to make a contribution of \$600 per annum to the cost of their tuition. The academic freedom of Universities will remain sacrosanct.

THE NEW ZEALAND PARTY RECOGNIZES THAT EDUCATION IS A LIFELONG PROCESS. PARENTS WILL BE ENCOURAGED AND ASSISTED TO FULFIL THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES FROM THE BIRTH OF THE CHILD TO AGE 18. RESOURCES WILL BE PROVIDED TO ENSURE EXCELLENCE AND ACHIEVEMENT FOR EVERY CHILD WHO IS WILLING TO LEARN.

THE ECONOMY

The lifeblood of the nation is its economy. New Zealand requires a healthy, dynamic, growing economy in which all citizens may participate. Without this, the social objectives of any government must fail. Such a successful economy can only be achieved by increasing individual enterprise and responsibility while reducing taxes and government bureaucracy.

We applaud the fact that the Labour Government has introduced many of the reforms we promoted in 1984 and 1987. But now the Government seems to have lost its vision and direction on the way to a fairer society. Some vital keys to the development of the economy, such as labour reform, have not been instituted and this has constrained and distorted the development we seek.

The three biggest impediments to an expanding, dynamic economy are:

1. **Exorbitant interest rates.** The New Zealand Party is the only party totally committed to reducing interest rates by a massive reduction in government expenditure and a specific low interest policy.
2. **An over-regulated and inflexible labour market.** We are committed to:
 - (a) reducing the working week to 36 hours average of normal time over a maximum of 72 hours over 10 days in any 14 day period. No penal rates will be payable for these hours.
 - (b) abolishing compulsory unionism.
 - (c) requiring signed contracts between employers and employees, enforceable in the Labour Court.
 - (d) encouraging enterprise bargaining.

We are totally opposed to such concepts as *regulated* pay equity, positive discrimination, and similar social engineering objectives. A *fair* labour environment will automatically fulfil such objectives over a period of time, without regulation. We are in favour of a high wage, *high productivity*, labour environment.

3. **Lack of an effective export drive** to remove our exchange deficit and provide additional jobs. We must recognize the realities of our small home market, distance from major overseas markets, and impediments to the export of our primary produce. The recovery in our export earnings is firstly dependent on value-added primary products and secondly value-added manufactured goods and tourism. Consequently we will immediately form the NEW ZEALAND TRADE CORPORATION as a joint venture between Government, Producer Boards/Farmers, and manufacturers to mount a concerted international marketing effort with permanent representation in all major markets. (Also see our Tourism policy). A Ministry of Primary Resources will be established to ensure maximum efficiency in the production of quality goods and their transport to our markets. This ministry will absorb the current Ministry of Agriculture, Lincoln University, the agriculture section of the DSIR, etc, and work in conjunction with the Trade Corporation.

Fair Trade is as important to us as *Free Trade*. We will not provide across the board subsidies to our manufacturers, however where they cannot compete locally because of foreign subsidies and bounties, there is a case for specific one-off assistance to ensure that our producers are not decimated as they have been over the past few years. The long-term future of New Zealand demands that we have an economy capable of producing a wide variety of manufactured goods and value-added primary products. Tariffs will be reduced and abolished as soon as possible in free trade agreements. But where tariffs are applied against us they will be reciprocated. We will continue with the GATT negotiations, while recognizing that any benefits will occur in the long term, if at all. *We believe our future lies in our own hands.*

STATE OWNED ENTERPRISES

While we are in favour of these passing into private hands, so that the State may be freed from the business of business, we believe it is a fallacy to assume that S.O.E.s will necessarily be better run under private enterprise. We also understand that the social needs of a fair society may not always be met through private ownership of monopolistic organisations. *WE WILL NOT HOLD FIRE SALES OF MAJOR ASSETS* for short-term gain and long-term pain, as this Government is currently doing, but will sell state-owned assets only when an excellent price can be obtained. Overseas ownership of any monopoly business will be limited to 25 per cent. **THE MOST EFFECTIVE WAY TO REDUCE OUR DEBT IS TO REDUCE THE COST OF OUR GOVERNMENT.**

TAXATION

The total tax take has increased enormously over the past few years. A high rate of taxation is a major disincentive to productivity. Businesses are hit many times by such taxes as GST, company tax, land tax, ACC levy, personal tax, etc. We are all hit for both income tax and GST. The poor are hit hardest by the consumption tax, while all of us would rather be working for ourselves instead of a government that profligately wastes so much of our hard earned cash.

To provide a fairer tax regime the New Zealand Party will:

1. Abolish the land tax and all death, stamp and gift duties.
2. Roll back GST to 10 per cent.
3. Make the first \$10,000 personal income tax free.
4. Tax all additional income at a flat rate.
5. As a special measure to increase investment, productivity, and job creation **COMPANY TAX WILL BE ABOLISHED FOR A PERIOD OF TWO YEARS** and reviewed after that date.

TAXATION, AS FOR ALL AREAS OF GOVERNMENT SPENDING, WILL BE UNDER THE DIRECT CONTROL OF YOU, THE PEOPLE, THROUGH CITIZENS' REFERENDUMS. Rates of taxation will not be able to be raised without approval in a referendum.

Taxation will, wherever possible, be specifically targeted. The three general taxes listed above are the *only* general taxes. Other taxes such as motor vehicle and fuel taxes will be directly allocated to Transit New Zealand and the traffic section of the Police department. Customs tariffs will be directly allocated to the promotional budget of the New Zealand Trade Corporation, airways taxes to the Airways Corporation, etc. All taxes on tobacco and 50 per cent of the taxes on alcohol will be allocated to the Health department, the remaining 50 per cent of alcohol tax will be allocated to the police department. Taxes on motor vehicles, alcohol, tobacco and gambling will be calculated to reflect the true cost of these items to the community.

IN CONCLUSION

The lifeblood of our economy is trade. Greater productivity by our citizens, our bi-lateral free-trade agreements, and an effective marketing push will ensure productive work for most of those now unemployed. A massive reduction in government expenditure and a lowering of the tax take will remove our present impediments and disincentives to productive enterprise.

LAW AND ORDER

Crime is like a cancer in our society, which destroys the rights of all New Zealanders to privacy, security, and safety.

The problem of crime stems from a breakdown in recognition of the rights of the individual to security and freedom, and the responsibility of us all not to disturb those rights. *CRIME IS WRONG* and the problem of crime will only be resolved when those individuals tempted to commit it recognize their responsibilities to others and refrain. Those who do not refrain will be dealt with in such a manner as to express society's revulsion at their activities.

Consequently the New Zealand Party will:

1. Conduct an educational campaign that crime is wrong.
2. Increase police numbers in sensitive areas.
3. Introduce mandatory minimum non-parole sentences for crimes of violence.
4. Require all convicted offenders to make full restitution and pay adequate compensation to all victims of their crimes.
5. Encourage community awareness through such schemes as Neighbourhood Watch.
6. Turn part of Waiouru into a discipline and community skills training area.
7. Combine police and traffic law enforcement and require photographs on all drivers' licenses.
8. Impose minimum and substantial periods of disqualification for driving under the influence of alcohol and other serious breaches of the road code.
9. Confiscate cars (other than stolen) for the offences of drunken driving or driving while disqualified. Alcohol testing will be mandatory for all drivers involved in accidents. Those convicted of exceeding the limit will be fully responsible for their own and victims medical and accident compensation costs and any property damaged in the accident. Blood-alcohol limits will be lowered. Drunken drivers will be charged with manslaughter if death is caused.
10. Confiscate all earnings, vehicles, and property related to any trafficking offence in hard drugs. A minimum sentence of 10 years with labour and rehabilitation will be imposed on all drug traffickers.
11. Parents will be fully responsible for children until age 18.
12. All non New Zealanders will automatically be deported for crimes punishable by imprisonment.
13. Concurrent sentences will be abolished.

REMEMBER THERE IS A SIMPLE SOLUTION TO CRIME — DON'T DO IT

DEFENCE

The first duty of any government is the security of its citizens. We have entered what will probably be one of the most volatile decades in human history, politically, financially, and socially. Therefore it is essential that we have a highly professional military force, with back-up available from an expanded Territorial force.

The New Zealand Party will withdraw if possible from the utterly wasteful and useless ANZAC frigate purchase, obtaining instead 6 to 8 ships suitable for economic zone control and disaster relief. These would also serve as an effective military deterrent when equipped with suitable helicopters.

NUCLEAR WEAPONS ARE TOTALLY UNACCEPTABLE TO THE NEW ZEALAND PARTY AND WILL NOT BE PERMITTED IN NEW ZEALAND. We will encourage the United States to change its policy of neither confirm or deny in order to re-establish the healthy and constructive relationship which is beneficial to us both.

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HEALTH

All New Zealanders are entitled to quality health care, regardless of their age, income, or previous medical history. True health is concerned with the whole lifestyle of the individual, not simply one's diseases. Prevention IS better than cure. It is also far less costly!

The New Zealand Party will:—

1. Initiate educational programmes to promote a healthy lifestyle for all New Zealanders.
2. Initiate and develop research programmes on health, instead of disease.
3. Recognize that the delivery of community-based, primary health care is the key to preventative medicine and a healthier lifestyle for all.
4. Initiate a system of universal medical insurance, giving equal access for all to state or private care at the patients choice. All health insurance fees will be 50 per cent tax deductible with respect to medical, surgical, and dental cover. Those on low incomes will have their premiums paid by the state.

SOCIAL WELFARE

The true measure of a caring society is how few people require state assistance — not how much of other people's hard-earned cash is redistributed by the state. By this measure New Zealand fails miserably.

The New Zealand Party is committed to ensuring that far fewer of our citizens require *any* form of state assistance by requiring people to be self-sufficient where possible, and by policies such as our employment policy, which will dramatically reduce the need for such payments.

OUR BASIC POLICY IS THAT ANYONE RECEIVING A SOCIAL WELFARE BENEFIT FROM THE STATE WILL BE REQUIRED TO MAKE SOME CONTRIBUTION TO THE WELFARE OF SOCIETY provided they are physically and mentally able to do so.

Consequently those receiving the guaranteed work scheme payment will be required to put in 3 days work per week, those on the domestic purposes benefit will be required to attend parenting/work skills training, or a guaranteed work scheme, 3 mornings per week (creche provided); sickness beneficiaries will be required to increase their skills and make some contribution if possible.

In these ways self-reliance will be encouraged where possible, with the State providing a general emergency benefit for those in genuine need.

ARTS, RECREATION AND CULTURE

The development of mind and body will be actively encouraged by the New Zealand Party through the establishment of the Council for Arts, Recreation, and Culture. This will incorporate the New Zealand Ballet, the New Zealand Symphony Orchestra, a New Zealand Cultural Theatre, and the concert programme. It will be funded by 50% of all profits from the Lotteries Commission. (The other 50% of Lotteries disbursements will be used to assist the handicapped.)

BROADCASTING

The New Zealand Party is appalled at the Labour Government's attempt to hijack the airwaves for political purposes. The New Zealand Party will ensure a better broadcast system by:

1. Privatizing TVNZ. The Council for Arts, Recreation, and Culture will purchase time as required for its programmes, and incorporate the work of the Broadcasting Commission.
2. The current broadcast licence fee will be abolished.
3. Each political party which has 15 or more candidates in a general election will be provided 20 minutes TV and radio time, purchased by the state from private broadcasters, to use in whatever manner the parties may choose.
4. The Broadcasting Standards Authority will be abolished and replaced with a voluntary code of practice drawn up by the broadcast industry.

TRANSPORT

The New Zealand Party will continue the de-regulation of transport. Any ship will be able to trade trans-Tasman to reduce excessive transport costs. Ansett New Zealand will not be able to fly internationally until Air New Zealand (or another designated New Zealand carrier) has full access to the Australian domestic market.

Responsibility for safety standards rests with the government on behalf of the community — not the transport operators. This applies to aviation, marine, and land transport.

The responsibility for good airmanship, good seamanship, and good road handling will be instilled into the community through education, encouragement, and severe penalties where they are not practiced. A stand alone professional civil aviation authority will be reinstated.

Railways' debt will be resolved by selling off land unnecessary for the core business. Rail tracks will be retained in government ownership through Transit New Zealand and usage leased to operators — who may be private.

TOURISM

New Zealand is suffering badly from the lack of a co-ordinated, effective, marketing approach; fragmentation of the industry, and poor standards of supply of many of our tourist services. The tourist industry, however, offers one of the best solutions to our perennial problems of low overseas exchange earnings and low employment opportunities. Our educational resources also offer major potential for the growth of jobs, earnings and international goodwill.

To enable us to compete effectively, the New Zealand Party will:

1. Establish immediately the NEW ZEALAND TOURISM AND EDUCATION CORPORATION to effectively *market* New Zealand overseas. This will be funded by allocation of one third of GST earnings from tourism, added to by private-sector interests, to provide a minimum of a \$100 million promotional budget in any year. The New Zealand Tourist and Publicity Department will be absorbed into this, and premises shared in most markets with the NEW ZEALAND TRADE CORPORATION, to minimize costs and maximize effectiveness through a united SHOWCASE NEW ZEALAND.
2. Establish 2-year tourism apprenticeship scheme in the last 2 years of formal education, with training in all sectors of the tourism industry, particularly people handling skills.

We believe a figure of 2 million tourists by the year 2000 is achievable with very significant increases in our exchange earnings and employment.

REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT

The regions have been neglected for too long by central government. Power is concentrated in Wellington, but most of the productive wealth of the nation still comes from the regions. Growth of the cities, at the expense of the regions, is harmful to the nation as a whole. As the regions are denuded of work opportunities and facilities, so the process of urbanization increases, with a consequent further loss to the smaller centres. A policy of 'equal costs' across the country may have been socially acceptable when introduced, but this now works to the severe detriment of the regions, ensuring that there is no incentive for industry to base itself away from the main centres — in fact, quite the reverse.

We believe each region has the ability to provide a strong and viable commercial base which will enable young people to enter the work force in their own community. United councils have been established in many areas, with considerable enthusiasm and expertise, only to see their efforts frustrated as central government has regained control and ruled on the basis of political expediency rather than regional productivity.

In order to ensure the regions can develop to the maximum of their potential, the New Zealand Party will:

1. Devolve as much decision-making power as possible to regional councils.
2. Ensure that each region can capitalise on its own advantages: for example, the electricity rate in the lower half of the South Island should reflect much lower generating and transmission costs as compared with the top half of the North Island
3. Provide a system of funding *in addition to rates* for specific needs such as regional transport in consultation with the regions, and always with the agreement of the people through a referendum.
4. Immediately implement the "BEAUTIFUL NEW ZEALAND" programme through a guaranteed work scheme in regions where it is most needed and which are, in many cases, areas of high unemployment.
5. Encourage regional tourism councils to develop tourist attractions, control standards, and promote specific areas to the domestic market. International promotion will be in conjunction with the NEW ZEALAND TOURISM AND EDUCATION CORPORATION.
6. Abolish the national labour award system, allowing wages to be related to the cost of housing and generally lower living expenses in regional areas.
7. Ensure that reliable transport services are available at the lowest possible cost. The inter-Island ferry system will be classified as part of State Highway One. Industrial disputes will not be allowed to interfere with the right of New Zealanders to travel freely and at will within their own country.

LOCAL BODIES

We stand appalled at the undemocratic, dictatorial way in which local body amalgamation was forced on local communities. While there was room for improvement, once again the 'people factor' was totally ignored by the Labour dictators and communities were lumped together against the will of the people.

This once again highlights the essential need to introduce Citizens Referendums at the earliest possible opportunity. Local communities which find the supposed benefits of amalgamation are as illusory as most of Labour's promises, will have the opportunity to revert to local councils. The right of ratepayers to vote, wherever they may own land or property will be restored. TAXATION WITHOUT REPRESENTATION IS TYRANNY.

AGRICULTURE

Agriculture is, and will remain, New Zealand's foremost industry. High interest rates, an ever-decreasing share of the value of the product by farmers, high processing and transport costs, and lack of market-led production have all caused much heartache in the rural community.

Our policies will lead to lowered interest and exchange rates, a more flexible and dynamic labour market, lower transport costs, and a better trading environment through our bi-lateral free trade agreements. When all these factors are under control, the resilient farming community will no doubt rise to the occasion and ensure market-oriented production of value-added products, and maximum results for the nation as a whole.

A MINISTRY OF PRIMARY RESOURCES will co-ordinate research and production with maximum input and involvement from the actual producers. The NEW ZEALAND TRADE CORPORATION will ensure maximum benefit from the marketing of that production.

IMMIGRATION

The New Zealand Party believes we can build a more dynamic and progressive society through increased immigration from a wide variety of overseas countries. Criteria will be revised to regard the quality and character of the person as being as important as their financial resources. Current abuses of our immigration policies will be stamped out. Immigrants who abuse the system or who are convicted of crimes punishable by imprisonment will automatically be deported.

THE NEW ZEALAND PARTY IS THE ONLY PARTY

1. Committed to a real democracy through “Voters’ Voice” referendums and proportional representation.
2. Committed to a free and fair society
3. Committed to resolving quickly the divisive issues of separate development and providing one law for all New Zealanders.
4. Committed to halving unemployment within one year
5. Committed to cancelling the ANZAC frigate purchase if possible in favour of a relevant defence force.
6. Committed to dramatically lowering Government expenditure
7. Committed to excellence and achievement in education and abolishing current school charters.
8. Committed to a concerted international marketing effort by establishing a New Zealand Trade Corporation and a New Zealand Tourism and Education Corporation.
9. Committed to a balanced budget *without relying on asset sales*
10. Committed to all the people of New Zealand.

OUR CANDIDATES ARE BOUND BY CONTRACT TO SUPPORT THESE GOALS BUT REMEMBER —

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BY REFERENDUM ON ALL OUR POLICIES AND ACTIONS

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