

My commitment...

My commitment to New Zealanders is simple. My team and I will work tirelessly, especially to deliver on our commitments on these priority areas:

- ✓ boost growth;
- ✓ encourage enterprise;
- ✓ get tough on crime;
- ✓ modernise the education system;
- ✓ give incentives and opportunities for young New Zealanders and;
- ✓ reduce welfare traps.

Together, we can get the future our country deserves.

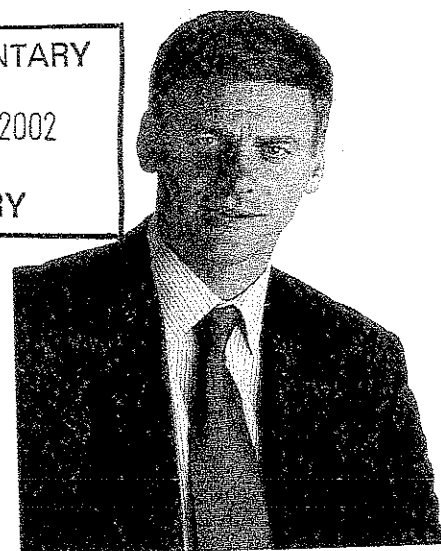
I hope to see you when I next "front up" across our great country.

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Over the last few months I have visited almost every town in New Zealand. It has been a privilege to meet many thousands of New Zealanders in their own schools, workplaces and communities.

I was constantly reminded of how lucky we are to live in this country. And I was inspired by the spirit of hard work, decency and generosity of the people that make New Zealand what it is.

New Zealanders don't always have the chance to have their voices heard about the issues that really concern them. Listening to them share their hopes, their aspirations and their concerns for the future had a strong impact on me and influenced the policies that guide me and the National team.

Now, I've summarised my beliefs, so you can not only understand what I stand for, but also where I'm coming from, and why....

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Bill English'.

Bill English
National Party Leader

I believe in...

Growing the Economy

It's all very well to focus on where the money's going. But ultimately, it's most important to ensure that it keeps coming in.

A growing economy is the best chance that lower paid workers have to improve their income and for better public health and education services.

We need growth of at least 4% a year to catch up to Australia. Dr Don Brash gave up his job as the Reserve Bank Governor because he believes that we cannot achieve this under Labour's policies. He is part of a National team that is committed to doing better.

Incentive & Enterprise

In order to earn our prosperity, New Zealand has to get behind those who create wealth, exports and jobs – our small businesses. Those who take the initiative and risk their security in order to go into business should be encouraged. But unfortunately, at the moment, high taxes and excessive red tape make many of them feel like they're being taken advantage of.

Our first priority as a Government will be to cut through red tape, including many of the 162 pieces of legislation that the Al Dunn Report identified as holding New Zealand back.

The National Party is committed to reducing the company tax rate to 28% over four years. This will mean that we once again have company tax rates LOWER than those in Australia.

In order to stimulate spending in the economy and prevent the "brain drain" we will lower the top marginal tax rate to 32% over four years too.

I strongly believe that we need to build this country on aspiration, rather than on envy!

Personal Responsibility

As a parent, it concerns me to think that there are 18,000 New Zealanders under the age of 20 on benefits. These people are young, they're fit, but they're doing nothing.

If New Zealanders don't learn the work ethic when they are young, when will they?

National will tackle this welfare trap by:

- Scrapping the dole and DPB for those under 20 - they will need to be in a training programme to get assistance;
- Creating a 90-Day work trial period to give incentives for small business to create jobs and incentives for our young people to take them;
- Expanding Army Limited Service Volunteer schemes;
- Empowering Youth Courts to impose curfews and alcohol bans on individuals;
- Requiring parents to be more accountable for their children.



Opportunity

As a father of six, I've had 10 years of kids at school and I've got another 15 to go. This experience has shown me that inspired teachers and enthusiastic children are the keys to a healthy system.

It's a real concern that we have started another school term with our teachers on strike. An even bigger concern is the sense of frustration felt by teachers that has led to this situation. If teachers are feeling overworked and underpaid, then our system is in trouble. If our best and brightest young teachers feel that a better future lies for them overseas then this is a blow for our country.

Our plan to modernise the system will put the control of schools into the hands of the local school community. Principles, parents and teachers will run their schools, not politicians and bureaucrats. If you are a better or more experienced teacher, you can do better.

We will also encourage young New Zealanders by increasing bursaries from \$200 to \$2000 for A Bursaries and from \$100 to \$1000 for B Bursaries.

National believes more should be done to keep our best and our brightest here in New Zealand. Our "You Stay, We Pay" scheme means that the Government will "write down" student loans by 10% a year for every year (up to five years) that a graduate stays and works in New Zealand.

Safety & Justice

It is a tragedy to think that in New Zealand, you can no longer take your safety for granted. New Zealand is not the only country in the world where crime is getting worse. But we should be small enough to make a difference in stopping it.

At the last election, 92% of us voted to get tough against crime. It's time we took action!

Our plan includes:

- Doubling the non-parole period for violent offenders (under law changes made by Labour, violent criminals can now be eligible for parole after just one-third of their sentence);
- Scrapping automatic parole;
- Ensuring that life means life for the worst offenders;
- Putting 500 extra police on the streets;
- Giving police wider powers to use DNA testing.

One Standard of Citizenship

Settling Treaty claims won't be easy, but our record is the best. We will close the book on historic claims so we can move forward as a united country. We will require all claims to be filed within a year of becoming Government

TO: Hon Bill English MP
Leader of the Opposition
Parliament Buildings
Wellington

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National will...

- Settle all historic claims fully and finally
- Uphold one standard of citizenship for all New Zealanders


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There will be One standard
of citizenship for all
New Zealanders

Full and final settlement of historic grievances

We believe in one standard of citizenship, where everyone has common rights and obligations as New Zealanders.

We need to settle historic Treaty claims so that we can move on as a united country.

National will **close the book** on filing historic Treaty claims within a year of taking office, and we will settle those claims by 2008. In this way we can focus on what unites us, rather than what divides us.

The Treaty recognises diversity, but also promotes national unity by establishing one standard of citizenship for all.

National believes in a common set of rights and obligations for citizens in New Zealand whatever our different cultural and ethnic backgrounds. These rights and obligations bind us together as New Zealanders.

Every citizen has a right to a fair go and an obligation to contribute. Under National, New Zealanders can look forward to a future with one standard of citizenship.



Bill English
Leader of the National Party



We believe in one standard of citizenship for all New Zealanders

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You stay, We pay.

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National will write off 10% of your student loan for every year you stay and work in New Zealand for five years.

For someone with an average student loan, this will mean savings of thousands of dollars. This will encourage young, skilled New Zealanders to stay and work in New Zealand. You will be rewarded by having years knocked off your repayments.

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We won't promise you everything –
but we will give you a fair go.



TO: Hon Bill English MP
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National will...

- Toughen sentences for violent criminals and burglars
Violent offenders *must* serve more of their time
- Double the non-parole period for violent offenders
No automatic parole for violent offenders
- Ensure that life *means* life for the worst offenders
- Recruit 500 extra frontline police
to fight violent crime and make homes safe
- Stop younger criminals from re-offending

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Safer New Zealand communities need tougher law, more order

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Do you worry about your safety just walking down the street?

Life will mean life for the worst offenders

Longer sentences 500 extra police

National will make us all safer in our homes and on our streets.

Killers, violent offenders and burglars belong in our jails, not on our streets. Convicted rapist Taffy Hotene killed Auckland journalist Kylie Jones at random two months after release from prison. National will keep the worst killers in prison for the rest of their lives.

Recently, Labour softened New Zealand's sentencing and parole laws, so a rapist sentenced to nine years could be out in three! This shows contempt for New Zealanders' overwhelming vote in the 1999 Referendum – 92% of us voted for tougher sentences for serious crime. Under National there will be no automatic parole for violent offenders. And we will double their non-parole period. **Criminals must get the message that they will get caught and that they will go to jail.**

New Zealand needs **more frontline police** – National will recruit **500 more police**. Their priority will be to stop violent crime. We will also confiscate drug-dealers' assets.

New Zealand needs a Government that will turn young offenders' lives around. Programmes must be extended to make them repay their debt to the community. We will make drug and alcohol programmes more effective.



Bill English
Leader of the National Party



New Zealand needs tougher laws for dealing with criminal

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June 2002

Mr [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
HASTINGS 4201

Dear [REDACTED]

There's an important decision to make about New Zealand's future at this year's election, and the responsibility is in **your** hands.

Since I became leader of the National Party in October last year, I have met with thousands of New Zealanders to find out what issues are important to people. I've done a fair bit of listening because where I come from, we listen with our ears, not our mouths.

Having listened to these concerns, we have been working on a plan to solve them, because we are ambitious for New Zealand, ambitious for all New Zealanders.

Like you, I want a world-class public Health service and Education system. Without a world-class economy to match, it's not going to happen. With the best export conditions we have seen in the past two decades, **we are still failing to keep up with Australia**. If this is as good as it gets, then it simply isn't good enough.

These are some of the things we'll do:

- **Small Business** – we will cut the taxes, costs, and red tape that hold them back
- **Personal Tax** – Lower taxes are good for the economy and we'll reduce them
- **Justice** – 92% of us voted for tougher sentences in the 1999 referendum. We will not ignore this like Labour has. **Life will mean Life** for the worst murderers
- **Police** – We will put 500 extra frontline police on our streets
- **Education** – we'll make sure children learn, have more external exams and reward teachers as the professionals they are, get rid of political correctness
- **National Superannuation** – We **guarantee to maintain super** (Labour are wrong to tell you we will not), and we will provide a tax incentive to help people to save for their retirement.

We can afford to do these things, and we must do them, if we are to move forward and grow as a nation.

Thanks for taking the time to read this. Please keep in touch.

Kind regards



Hon Bill English
New Zealand National Party Leader

- P.S. On **The Treaty of Waitangi** – we will close the books on new claims within 12 months and settle all historic claims by 2008. There will be **one standard of citizenship** for all.