



The New New Zealand

Facing demographic disruption

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In 2030 there may be six million of us. One and a half million of us will live overseas. We will be clustered in Auckland, dependent on migration, and worried about a shortage of workers. We haven't planned for this. We need to.

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A BOLD NEW BOOK ON POPULATION TRENDS AND THE NEED TO CONFRONT THEM

In this timely book, New Zealand's best-known commentator on population trends, Distinguished Professor Paul Spoonley, shows how, as New Zealand moves into the 2020s, the demographic dividends of the last 70 years are turning into deficits.

Our population patterns have been disrupted. More boomers, fewer children, an ever bigger Auckland and declining regions are the new normal.

We will need new economic models, new ways of living.

Spoonley says: 'It is not a crisis (even if at times it feels like it), but rather something that needs to be understood and responded to. But I fear that policy-makers and politicians are not up to the challenge. *That would be a crisis.*'

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Distinguished Professor Paul Spoonley is one of New Zealand's leading academics and a Fellow of the Royal Society Te Apārangi. He has led numerous externally funded research programmes, has written or edited 25 books and is a regular commentator in the news media. In 2010, he was a Fulbright Senior Scholar at the University of California, Berkeley, and in 2013, a Senior Visiting Fellow at the Max Planck Institute of Religious and Ethnic Diversity in Goettingen. He was awarded the Royal Society of New Zealand Science and Technology medal in 2009 in recognition of his academic scholarship, leadership and public contribution to cultural understanding and in 2011, his contribution to Sociology was acknowledged with the Sociological Association of Aotearoa New Zealand's scholarship for exceptional service to New Zealand sociology.

SALES POINTS

- An eminent author's highly significant contribution to a key policy debate
- Published in time for the 2020 New Zealand general election
- Brings light not heat to a contested area

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