

# Networking in New Zealand

## Migrant Strategies in Establishing a Political Presence

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# Political presence of women

**table 3** International Comparison  
of Women in Parliament

Country	Percent	Number
Sweden	45.30	158
<b>New Zealand</b>	<b>29.16</b>	<b>35</b>
Australia (House of Representatives)	25.30	38
United Kingdom (House of Commons)	17.80	118
United States (House of Representatives)	14.25	62

# Cultural Transformation (1984-1989)

## Biculturalism

- Indigenous focus (Maori as Tangata Whenua)
- Recognition of the Treaty of Waitangi (Article 2: recognition of Maori)
- Reparations for colonialism
- Group rights (incl. resources such as fisheries)
- Cultural responsiveness of government services



# Cultural Transformation (1984-1989)

## Deracialising Immigration Policy

### 1986 Immigration Policy Review

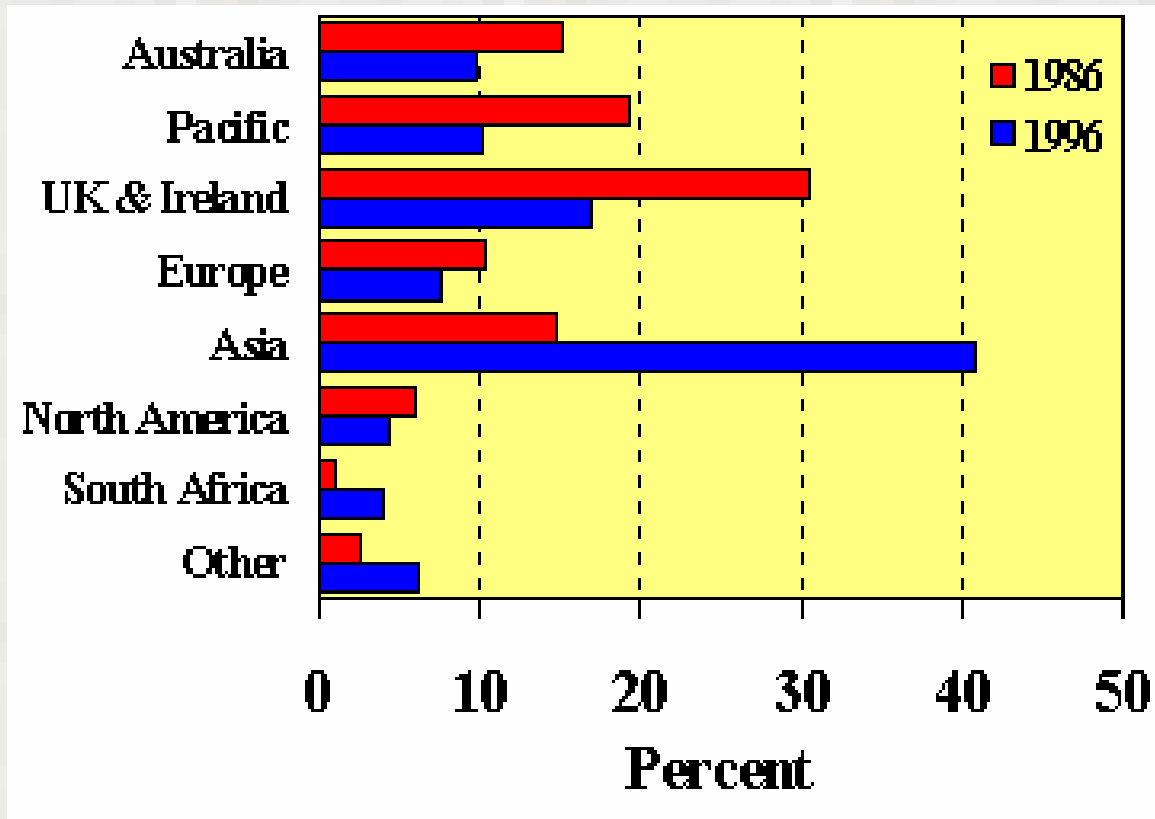
- Deletion of racial/source preferences
- Geo-political connections to Asia

### 1987 Immigration Act

- Points system
- Economic migrants



# Birthplace of new immigrants



Statistics New Zealand

# Managing migration

- English language requirements
- Qualifications verification and recognition
- Job offer
- Pre-settlement and settlement information provision
- Mangere Refugee Branch six week orientation course and follow on support



# Government approach

- Current government priority of “National Identity”
- Establishing a positive platform to move forward
- Whole of government
- Central-local-community partnerships
- Consultation and dialogue





# New Zealand Settlement Strategy





# New Zealand Settlement Strategy

- Obtain employment appropriate to their qualifications and skills
- Become confident using English in a New Zealand setting, or able to access appropriate language support
- Access appropriate information and responsive services that are available in the wider community (for example, housing, education and services for families)
- Form supportive social networks and establish a sustainable community identity
- Feel safe expressing their ethnic identity and be accepted by and become part of the wider host community
- Participate in civic, community and social activities.

# Te Ngira: The NZ Diversity Action Programme



# NZ Diversity Forum 2006 Special Topic Forum: Women and Diversity



# Redefining Immigrant Identities



- Demographic growth
- Gateway city concentration
- Economic contribution
- Self-awareness

## Issues

- Anti-immigrant politics
- Indigenous biculturalism

VS

Immigrant multiculturalism

# Networking

- Computer-mediated communication
  - News
  - Homeland connections
  - Understanding New Zealand
  - Political commentary
- Newspapers
- Television



# Articulating an “Asian” Presence

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### ➤ Publications

<http://www.publicaddress.net/default,yellowperil.sm>

### ➤ Bananas Conference

<http://www.goingbananas.org.nz/>

### ➤ Columnist

By TZE MING MOK

**Most of the Going Bananas Chinese identity**