



# The New New Zealand

## *Facing demographic disruption*

PAUL SPOONLEY

**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 revised and updated edition of 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 seventy 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. Covid-19 has added more complexity. 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 policymakers and politicians are not up to the challenge. That would be a crisis.'

*'Writing, let alone reading, a book about demographic disruption in a year characterized by the massive disruption of Covid-19 might seem a little like an exercise of adding misery to woe. And while this book . . . was mostly written prior in 2019 while he was on sabbatical in Germany, much of it had to be amended quickly as the publishing date coincided with the emergence of coronavirus in 2020. In its way, the book is even better for that. The themes of the book take on a different perspective, greater urgency even, in the light of the further pressure that they will be placed under because of the impacts of Covid-19.'* — Andrew Butcher, Principal, Bethlehem Tertiary Institute

### 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.

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- An eminent author's highly significant contribution to a key policy debate
- Fully updated to reflect our Covid-19 world and current political debates
- Brings light not heat to a contested area

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- Essential reading for first-year tertiary students in social policy and related subjects, as well as the wider policy-making community and the interested public.
- This wide-ranging multi-author study provides a huge breadth of coverage (see chapters and authors list). Issues of race, identity and wellbeing are a constant thread throughout, and sections covering policy design, implementation and evaluation make this a vital text for anyone wanting to understand the development of social policy in this country.
- Each chapter introduces the reader to the background and context to its central topic, as well as key concepts, ideas and influences, as well as possible future issues that policy-makers may have to contend with.

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