

# We need a wealth tax

It is a matter of great regret that the Labour leadership has painted itself into a corner by joining the National Party's opposition to a wealth tax.

For those of us who believe in the urgent need for taxes on wealth, inheritance, and gifts, both to strengthen the future fiscal position and to address worsening inequality, it is now urgent to get the Green Party up to sufficient numbers in Parliament to compel Labour to rethink this short-sighted, opportunistic position.

For once, I wish that Judith Collins were right in predicting that the Greens will force Labour's hand. Alas, even if the Greens achieve the desired position, I fear that it will still take a lot of public pressure to prevent them caving in once the baubles of office are dangled.

Another three wasted years on the tax front will cost our society dearly.

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