

The possibility of a new New Zealand flag caused plenty of discussion, strong differences, and dissatisfactions. A completely new design, as suggested by some, would take decades for the world to recognise, so would be a ridiculous and a negative decision, costly to change and promote, while this one below is just an addition to be done over time at little or no cost, after stationery and similar printings wear out and need replacing. Silver ferns can be made and attached to existing large flags. If you like this one then use it, with no royalty costs, thanks to computer artist grandson Philip Dobbs of Te Awamutu drawing it to my design. I have paid him. Those who have seen it, like it and see the advantage of keeping the Union Jack, Southern Cross, stars with and adding the silver fern, which is well associated with New Zealand to differentiate it from the Australian flag, and joining the many sporting groups and others already



using the silver fern, as done by this government department. Adding a silver fern has made many admire this new flag and we would not lose our identity. Since 1972, when my wife Auriel and I managed the NZ Agricultural Fieldays for eight years, many overseas visitors asked us to

show them a silver fern, so we grew some. This shows that many identify it with New Zealand, while our current flag makes us look like a subsidiary of Australia, which helps their electronic and other importers from the northern hemisphere get the distributorships for New Zealand under the name Australasia, which includes, NZ, New Guinea, and neighbouring islands in the Pacific Ocean. This is one reason why computers, electronic organs and other northern hemisphere products cost more here, having come through Australian agencies who, for financial benefits, claim that New Zealand is part of Australasia. Read what USA did to Haiti in the Political chapter.

The combined three crosses in the well known Union Jack, represent England, Ireland and Scotland, crosses, from where some of us and some of our ancestors originated. It also reminds us that Great Britain did an excellent job establishing New Zealand, Australia, Southern Rhodesia, Northern Rhodesia, USA, Canada, India where the UK built a railway line right across their country, and South Africa, originally to grow food in the Cape for sailing ships. The Dutch, settled there for the same reason. They kept slaves which the British were against, so New Zealand taking hundreds of horses helped the British their win the Boer war, so made South Africa ban slavery. The Dutch, Germans and French settled countries, but didn't succeed like Britain did with excellent civilisations, and helped increase their export and import trades, both ways, very successfully.

New Zealand should maintain connections with the Commonwealth, because there are dozens of countries starving, and unable to feed themselves. Many would love free access to our foods. Millions of refugees would like access to NZ. Many countries, even Australia and USA, are envious of New Zealand's ability to produce so much high protein meat and dairy foods and fruits, and export 90% of them so cheaply without subsidies, so some are hoping to use TPP to gain access to them, and some by takeovers. USA, Australia and China are trying to buy our land and businesses. Australia's Fairfax owns 94 NZ papers, run to suit Australia while Australian Banks in New Zealand making billions of dollars for Australia. USA has shown its jealousy of the NZ dairy industry since 2002 when it forced the closure of the NZ Dairy Board, highly successful for a hundred years, as a highly successful single-seller marketer which USA wrongly claimed was an NZ government subsidised 'board' run monopoly. Changing to the auctioning that USA insisted on, run by their Boston marketing company since 2002 under the NZ Labour Party, but which National has not corrected, so is a main reason for our failed dairy industry, which, ironically, has backfired in USA, causing dairy farmer bankruptcies there and here. Fonterra is now so badly run by the Dutch and a USA company auctioning our healthier pasture fed milk, allowing buyers to wrongly set the low milk prices, that have become world dairy prices. Even if this flag is not officially recognised, it can be used without paying the royalty the prime minister's one would have earned him. Thank goodness it didn't win.

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