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Abstract

This paper examines and explains the way in which cultural factors specific to New Zealand have contributed to this country's historically high rate of

imprisonment; certainly, when compared to the two jurisdictions it has most in common with Australia, and England and Wales, and, by extension, most other Western democratic societies.

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