



Mr G Robertson
Parliament Buildings
Wellington

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Dear Mr Robertson

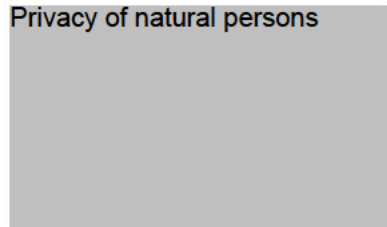
I read with great interest of your proposal of the 'expansion of ACC'

I agree with the Fair Pay Agreement.

I agree in principal to the expansion of ACC - like compensation to anyone made redundant or who loses their job through illness - such as cancer.

RESEARCH
PROJECT

Privacy of natural persons



Article 8 of the
European Convention
on Human Rights

Right to private and
family life

Article 17 of the
Declaration of the
Rights of Man and
of the Citizen

Right to be treated
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I do not agree with 80% compensation of wages earned. I believe that the current ACC cap is far too high.

To have a benefit that at the higher end that is currently \$700 more than the MEDIAN Kāwhiri worker wage is not a level playing field. Those on the median wage, the many who earn less can not afford to lose 20% of their wage, particularly as inflation is increasing.

It is a far bigger penalty/loss than those on high wages.

This disparity needs to close significantly for both the current ACC and for your proposal to create a fair and equitable treatment of all citizens.

Maybe a few weeks or months belt-tightening would develop some empathy for those who earn so little

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that the belt can not be further tightened!

Nor, post Covid expenditure, can our country afford such largesse.

Finally, to quote from Gordon McHutchison's 'The Big Con, the Death of the Kiwi Dream'

'That democratic and egalitarian aspirations, that yearning for what was later called 'social justice' - that is the main element in the N.Z. tradition'

Our country was settled by those who wanted a different chance away from the birth-right elitism of their home lands.

Neo-liberalism has gutted this aspiration - does Labour have the moral strength to at least address the proposed - and current - disparities of welfare benefits paid

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by ACC in the present, and to
create a more level playing field
in your proposal?

Yours sincerely

Alison Pickford.