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BUILDING DEMOCRATIC RESILIENCE

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In terms of New Zealand's democracy and transparency, our resilience appears strong. However we face significant challenges, including issues of declining democratic participation and media



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time, due to both population growth and external subsidisation, the Chinese-language media in New Zealand has been growing.

While the move to MMP has been associated with an parliament which is more representative of the population at large, at least according to some broad socio-demographic dimensions of gender and ethnicity, it has also resulted in lower levels of public



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groups – which policy in these areas needs to address – tends to act to the political advantage of the centre-right. Low participation groups are more likely to vote centre-left. Again this creates political inertia to policies to increase enrolment and participation in democratic politics.

Democratic rights should

