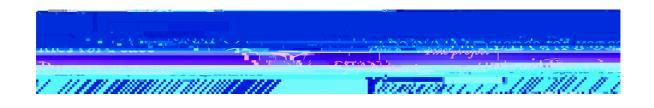
BUILDING DEMOCRATIC RESILIENCE

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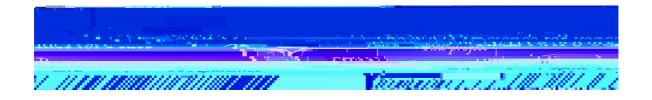
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time, due to both population growth and external subsidisation, the Chinese-language media in New Zealand has been growing.

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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

