

Navigating Brexit: New Zealand, the EU and the UK

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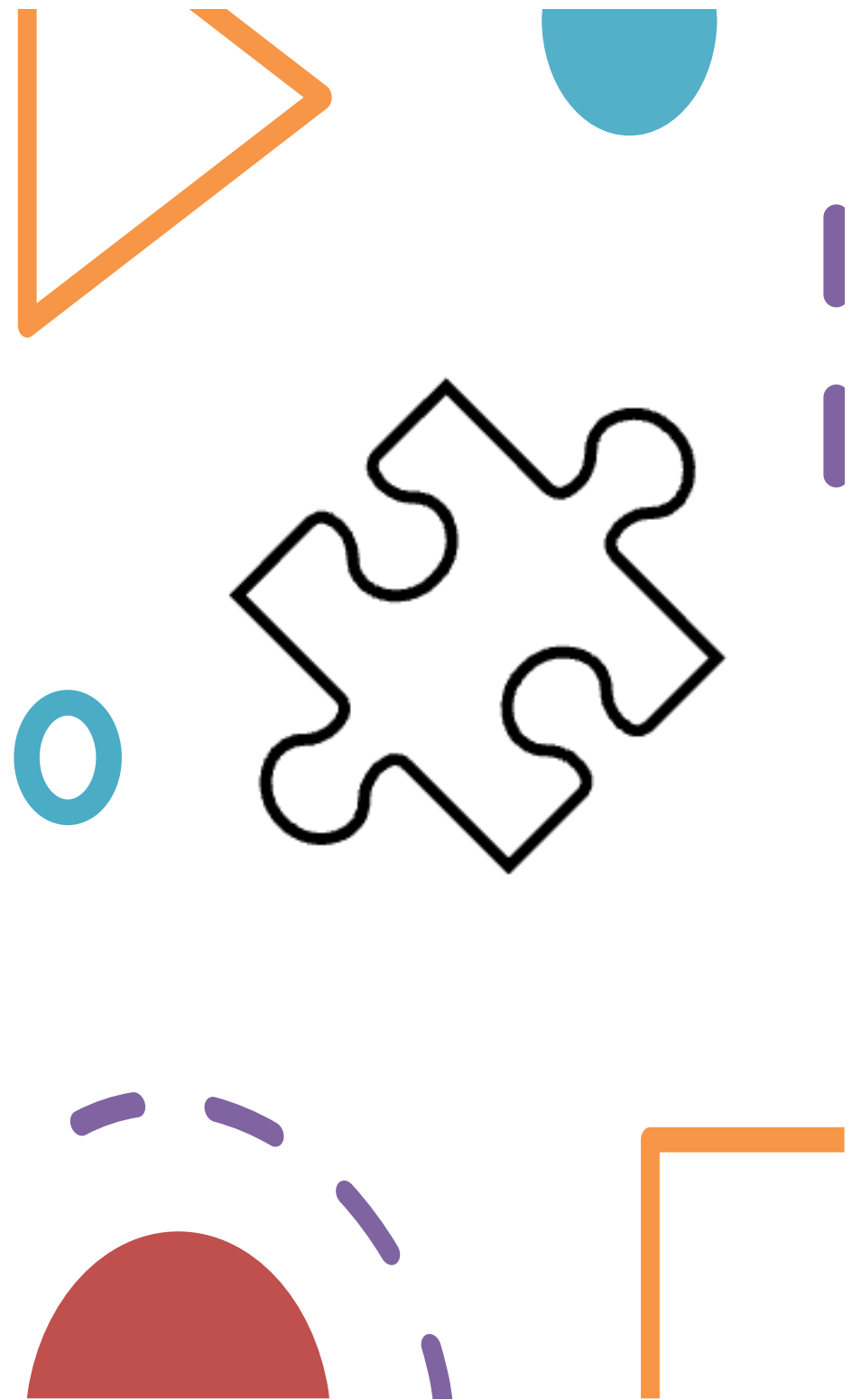
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A few more pieces...

- Rise of the “Anglo Sphere”
- Five Eyes
- Indo-Pacific
- AUKUS
- NATO



Early relations: New Zealand's connection to the UK



- The Treaty of Waitangi
- Early immigration trends
- World War I & II



The Historical context

- **Small State Theory:**
 - power deficit
 - need to consolidate resources
- **Most British of all Commonwealth**
- **Uneasy relationship**
- **Reliance on British voice within the EU**



New Zealand's reaction to Britain joining the EEC



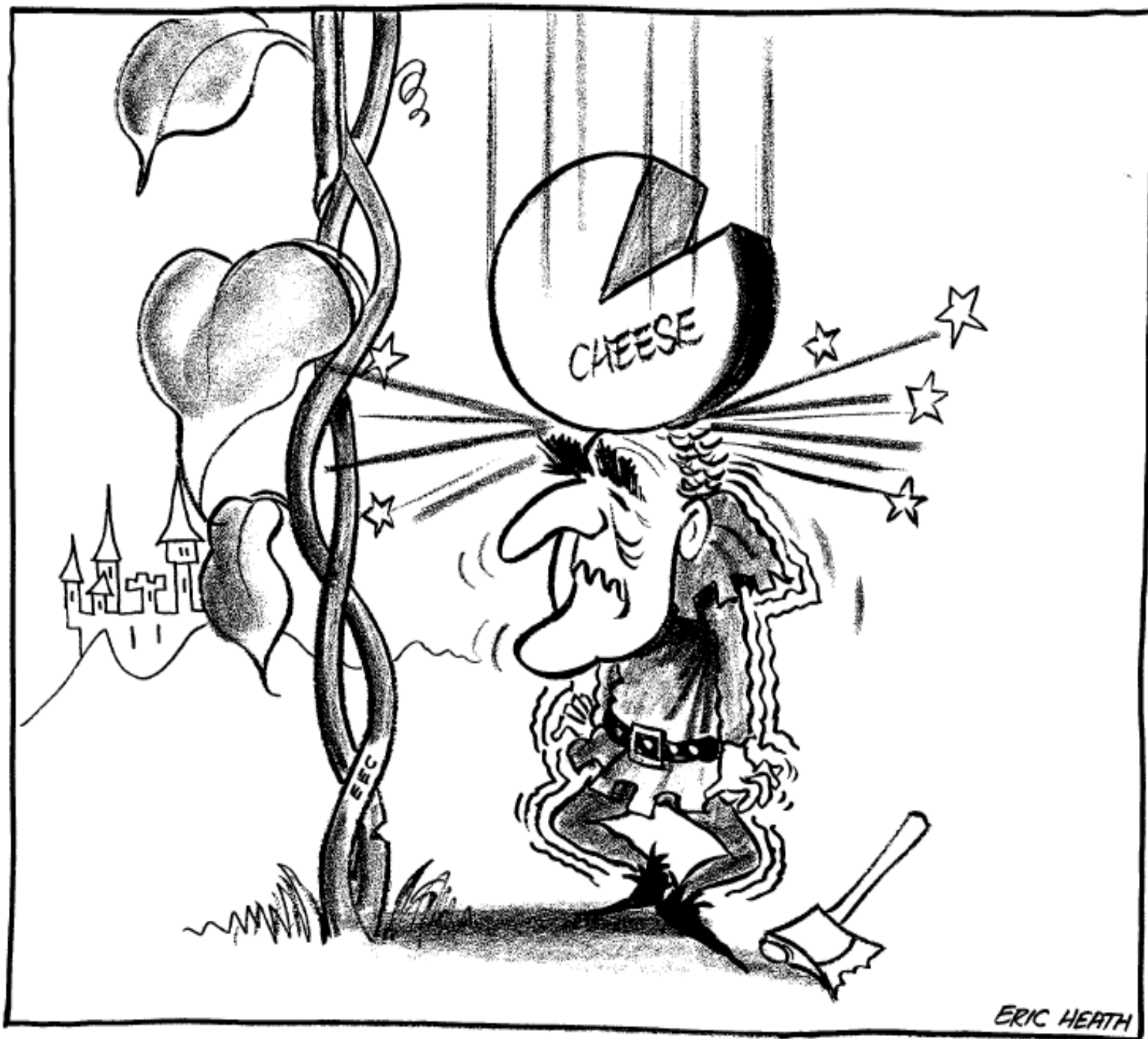
- **Negative**

- Thought that New Zealand had been “sacrificed” and “abandoned”
- Wished to “cast off many of its old Commonwealth associations in favour of a Euro-centred future”

- **Pragmatic**

- UK accession inevitable
- Able to convince Britain to give NZ special status (Kennaway, p. 72)
- In this debate, NZ was an **active** agent





JACK THE GIANT KILLER ?



“Thirty year war” Bruce Brown (NZ diplomat) .



Sheep Meat

- Sheep meat suffered at expense of butter



- “I am not going to see NZ lamb priced off the British housewife’s table” (Margaret Thatcher).

- Value-adding



How did New Zealand's media react to Brexit?

- “Key backs UK in EU” *The Press and Dominion Post*
- **Brexit would be huge error: Bolger** (23rd June, NZ Herald)
- **“Peters invited to share his ideas on Brexit with Lords”** (Dominion Post, 11th May)
- Brexit was linked with Trump and removed from New Zealand

New Zealand says QUIT EU: PM says future will be 'exciting' if Britain votes for Brexit

BRITAIN could have a “truly exciting future” by quitting the EU and rebuilding trade links with the Commonwealth, a senior New Zealand politician has said.

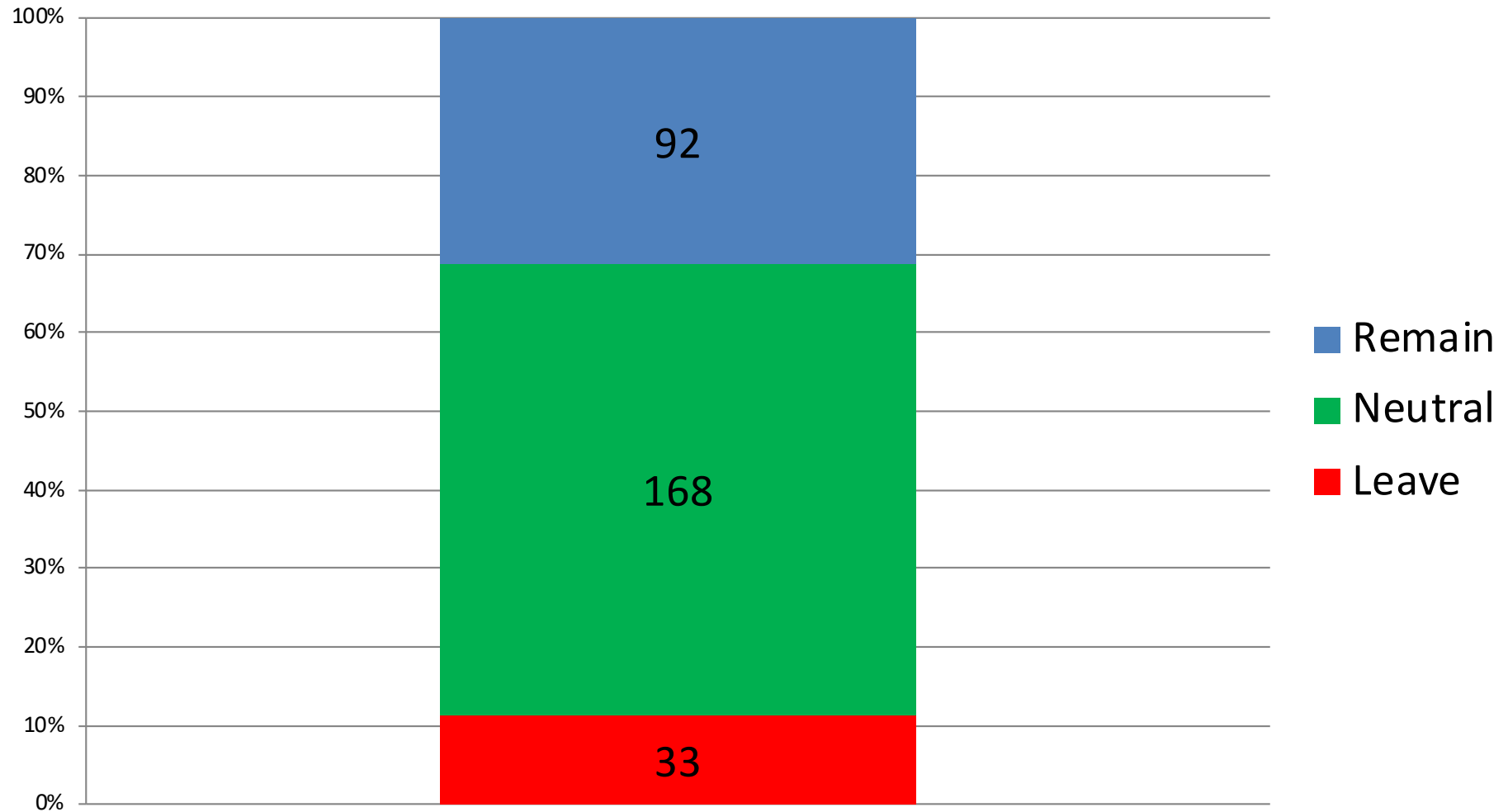
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NZ media reaction to BREXIT

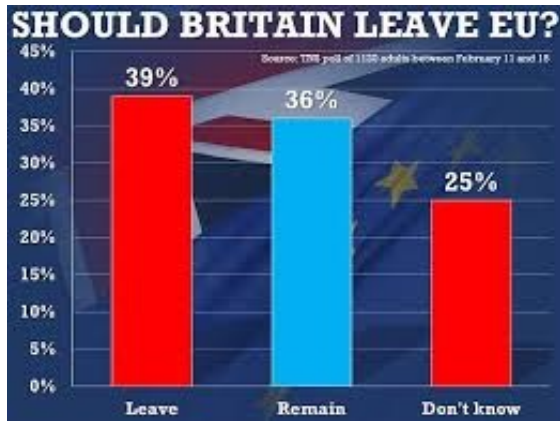
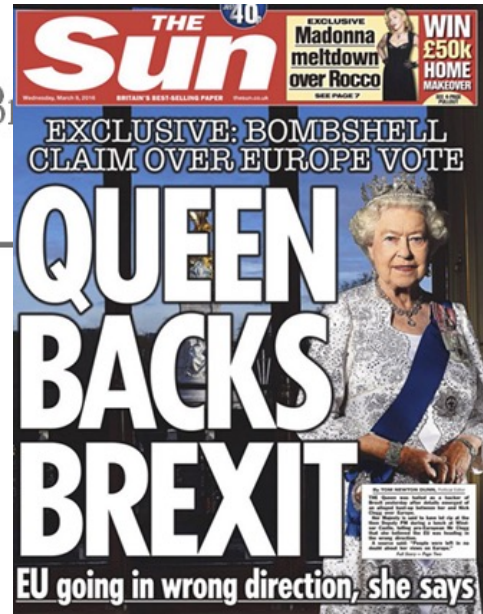


A History of Reluctance...



- 1950s Missed opportunity for leadership
- 1960s EFTA; de Gaulle's double veto
- 1970s Heath's "full-hearted consent"
- 1975 First Referendum – 67%
- 1980s Thatcherism, Bruges Speech, rebates
- 1990s EMU, Schengen opt-outs
- 2000s Blair "at the heart of EU"; Euro "5 tests"
- 2013/4 Rise of UKIP & promised referendum
- 2015/6 Re-election and advisory referendum...
- 2017 Article 50 triggered
- 2019 29 March 11pm deadline...
- 2019 31 October deadline...
- 2020 31 January - Brexit
- 2020 31 December – transition end

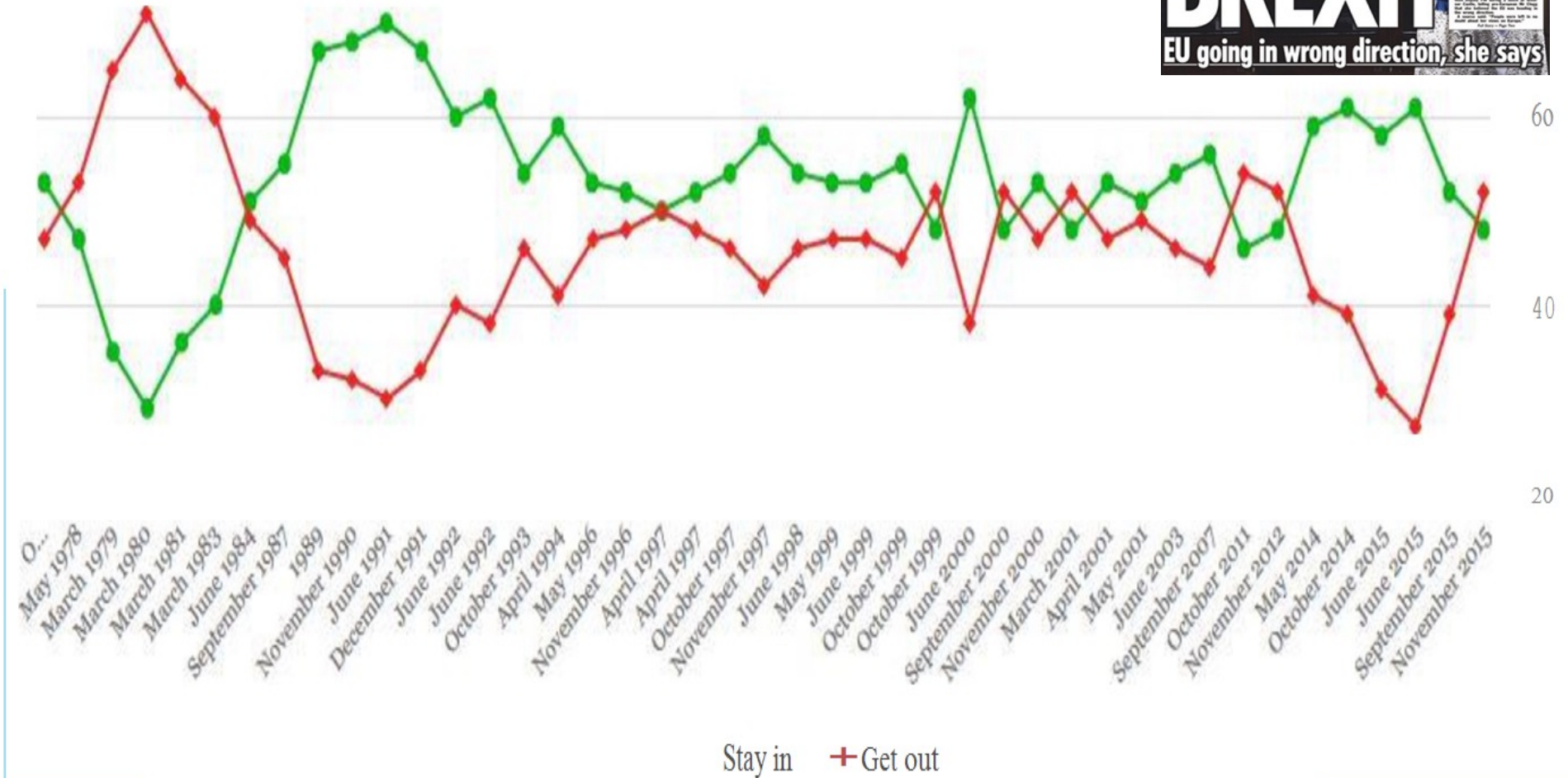
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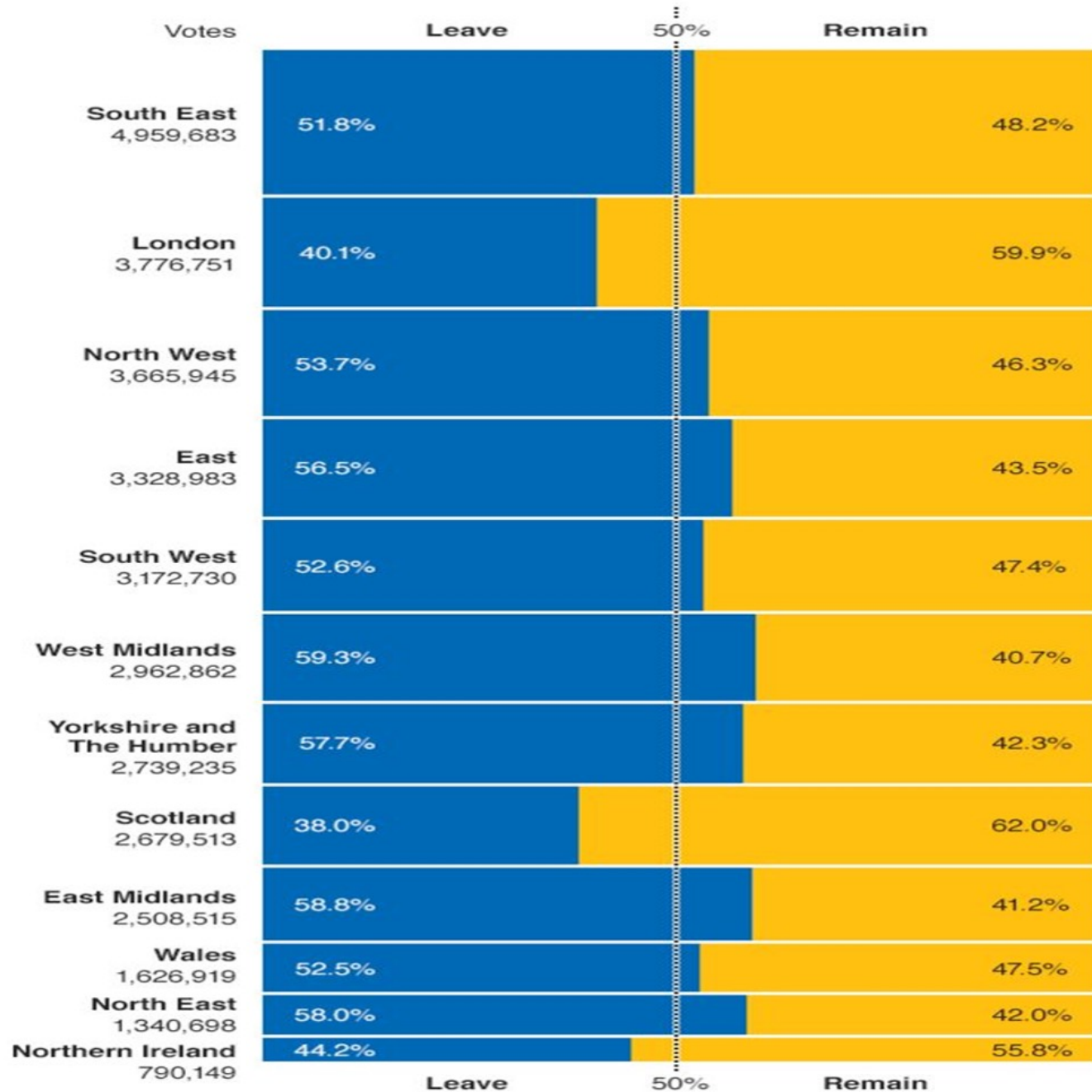
Should Britain stay in our get out of the EU? Polls since 1977

Sources: Ipsos fORI ORB



How Leave won the referendum

Depth of bars is proportional to votes cast, largest areas shown first





Red and green lanes for trade

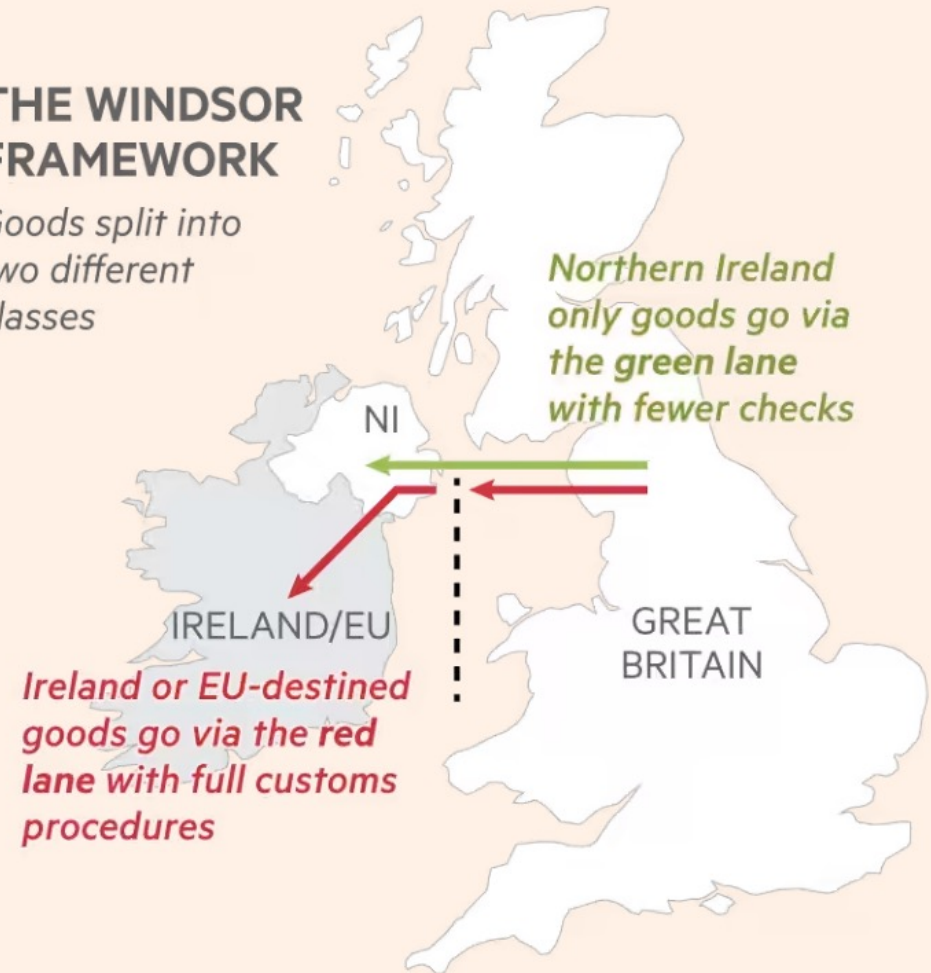
CURRENT PROCESS

All goods checked



THE WINDSOR FRAMEWORK

Goods split into two different classes

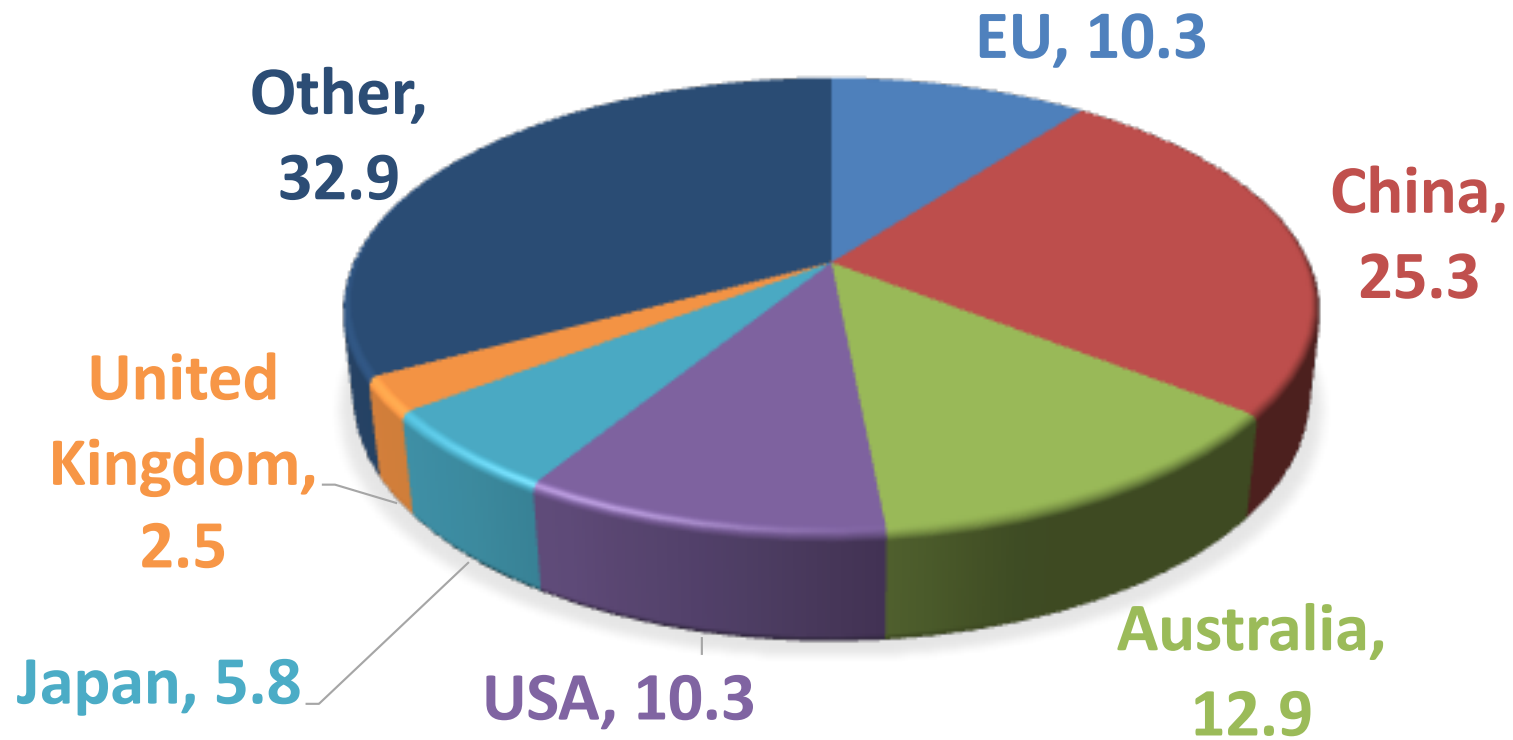


NZ, The EU and UK

- EU-NZ Comprehensive Framework Agreement (Partnership Agreement on Relations and Cooperation), 2016
- British Membership referendum, 2016
- EP approves fast track of FTA, October 2017
- June 2018 – negotiations open
- 2019: NZ Irish and Swedish embassies opened



Percentage of Total NZ Trade, 2020





NZ-UK Free Trade Agreement ratification great news for red meat sector



Friday, 05 May 2023 // International Trade

The Free Trade Agreement (FTA) between New Zealand and the UK will deliver a major boost to Kiwi red meat exports by eventually allowing tariff-free access for beef and lamb into the UK.



UK-NZ FTA

- All customs duties on all products will be eliminated between both countries once fully implemented
- Immediate removal: for wine, honey, onions, kiwifruit, a range of dairy products, and most industrial products
- Up to 15 years for apples (3 years), cheese and butter (5 years), and beef and sheep meat (15 years)
- Underlines the urgent need to address climate change, and commits to working together to do so
- Māori Trade and Economic Cooperation



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New Zealand and European Union secure historic free trade deal

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What's in the EU deal?



Immediate tariff elimination for kiwifruit, wine, onions, apples, mānuka honey and manufactured goods



Tariff elimination on almost all fish and seafood, and other horticultural products



Easier for a range of service providers to access the EU, including education



Further 38,000 tonnes of sheep meat, 10,000 tonnes of beef, 15,000 tonnes more of butter and extra 25,000 tonnes of cheese to the EU



Several firsts:



Dedicated chapter on Māori Trade and Economic Cooperation



"Sanctionable commitments" to the Paris Climate Agreement



‘Trade and Sustainable Development’



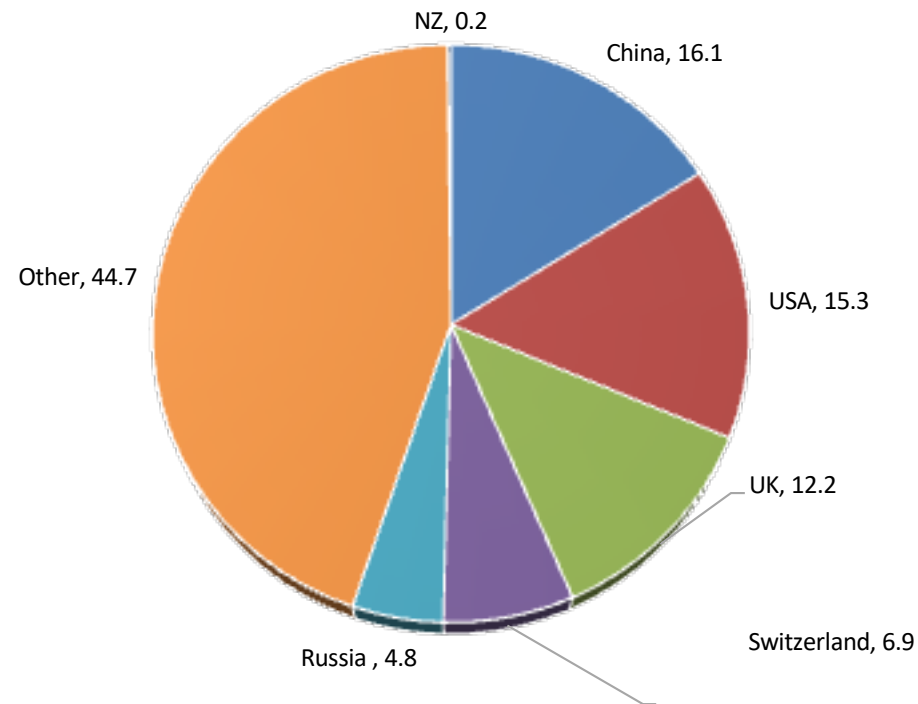
‘The most ambitious sustainability commitments in any trade agreement ever’ European Commission (2022)

‘A Party's commitment to effectively implement the Paris Agreement under paragraph 2 includes the obligation to refrain from any action or omission that materially defeats the object and purpose of the Paris Agreement (Clause 19.6, ‘Trade and Climate Change’)’

‘Māori Trade and Economic Cooperation’

- Te Tiriti o Waitangi
- References important Māori terms such as mānuka’
- Emphasis on strengthening EU cooperation with Māori owned enterprises
- New Zealand reserved the right to adopt or maintain measures to protect Māori rights, interests and duties, and responsibilities.

The EU's top trading partners, 2020



NZ responses to the FTA

- Some farmers were very grumpy about it, felt very shortchanged by it. But, you know, the world keeps turning” (Journalist)
- “For the longest time, the European Union has been a competitor” (Stephen Jacobi, trade expert)
- I get the sense that it's not viewed as highly as we have some of the other Free Trade deals that we've signed in the past (Journalist)



What's in the FTA for the EU?

- Symbolism
- Kick-start of EU trade agenda
- Paris Protocol
- Geo-Political considerations: EU ambitions in the Indo-Pacific

POLITICS / TECHNOLOGY

Possible AUKUS membership: NZ 'working through' what it can bring to alliance

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US President Joe Biden, centre, meets with UK Prime Minister Rishi Sunak, right, and Australia's Prime Minister Anthony Albanese during the AUKUS summit on 13 March, 2023, at Naval Base Point Loma in San Diego California. Photo: AFP / Jim Watson



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Good to meet with Darius Adamczyk, Executive Chairman of [@Honeywell](#) discussing defence, technology, science and space. Welcome to New Zealand. 🇳🇿



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yesha Verrall said there were sizeable cuts imposed to health regulation, "which has to work done to do things like keep vapors out of the hands of young people and to make sure that our medicines and other health services are safe".

Health Minister Shane Reti said he expect-

April 15 to apply for voluntary redundancies. MSD acknowledged following this, it was likely there would be some job cuts, "mainly within our regional office in Wellington".

For the health ministry, consultation ends on April 20, with decisions announced in June.

leave, opened up its second round of voluntary redundancies last month, closing next week. Staff are expecting following this, more light will be shed on an additional restructure proposal, which impacts more branches within its Digital, Data and Insights Group, proposes to disestablish a number of roles.

Travelling Peters says new NZ pact with Nato within months

Thomas Manch

Foreign Minister Winston Peters says a new partnership agreement between New Zealand and Nato will be concluded within months.

Peters held meetings at a Nato summit in Brussels, Belgium overnight Friday, meeting with foreign ministers of the 2-country collective defence organisation, meeting with counterparts from Belgium, Germany, Netherlands, South Korea, the United Kingdom, and Ukraine Foreign Minister Dmytro Kuleba.

"Nato is the world's largest and oldest official military organisation, which New Zealand has co-operated with for decades - from Kosovo to Afghanistan, but as our shared values of human rights, the rule of law, freedom and democracy come under sustained attack, our long-standing co-operation with our traditional partners must be enhanced," Peter said in a statement.

"New Zealand is committed to working together with Nato partners to contribute to collective security, such as through our support for Ukraine's self-defence."

The Government has since 2023 been working through a new "individually aligned partnership programme" with the Nato alliance, a new form of partnership management. "We expect to conclude this partnership in the coming months, creating tangible areas of co-operation."

While New Zealand is not a member of Nato, the alliance has taken a greater interest in its "Indo-Pacific partners" in recent years due to their proximity and dealings with China, described by the



Foreign Minister Winston Peters meets Ukrainian Foreign Minister Dmytro Kuleba on the sidelines of a Nato foreign ministers meeting in Brussels, Belgium, on Wednesday.

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Winston Peters
Foreign Minister

have attended Nato summits in recent years.

After Brussels, Peters would head to Stockholm, Sweden, for a bilateral meeting with Swedish Foreign Minister Tobias Billström. Earlier this week, he visited Cairo, Egypt and Warsaw, Poland.

While in Cairo, where he met the Egyptian foreign minister and the head of the Arab League, Peters announced

to say.

"You can't stop eating, you can't totally avoid eating foods with microplastics because they are everywhere. So the only way you can stem the problem is stopping the production of microplastics and that's going to be a very long, slow process and they're going to be there for a very long time," Shaw said.

It was difficult to say what foods might contain microplastics, but the more obvious culprits (in theory) were mussels and filter feeding marine creatures, he said. Microplastics were also found in clothes.

Recent studies found microplastics in some plants and therefore in some vegetables, Shaw said.

It was important to weigh up the risks versus benefits.

"The risk of the microplastics we can't assess, but the benefits of the food is very great. We don't know if it's possible to avoid certain foods to avoid an unknown risk of microplastics."

Canterbury University

Weapons charges dismissed

A University of Canterbury (UoC) student charged with having weapons in his accommodation after an armed police raid has completed diversion and kept his name secret. The 20-year-old was arrested and charged in October after police found weapons in an early morning raid at Tapuāriku student accommodation in Ilam, Christchurch. Officers were called to the building after the man - who also worked as a student residential adviser - made comments suggesting he intended to self-harm. At the Christchurch District Court yesterday, Judge Paul Kellar confirmed a final order suppressing publication of his name. The Press understands the man experienced a mental health breakdown. He was taken to hospital to be assessed. The event caused widespread fear and stress among students.

Injury

Crash near Hagley Park

A person was taken to Christchurch Hospital in a moderate condition after a three-vehicle

- <https://www.1news.co.nz/2024/04/05/winston-peters-leaves-nato-meeting-with-a-warning/>

Concluding remarks

- History still matters
- Important NZ didn't choose sides
- New Zealand was surprised by Brexit
- New Zealand seeking new partners
- Both UK-NZ FTA and EU-NZ FTA in NZ's favour, with more
- FTAs now about geopolitical considerations
- New Zealand's place in the world?