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[1]

Sir Michael Cullen  
NZ Tax Working Group,

9<sup>th</sup> March '18

Dear Sir Michael,

The New Zealand developed concept 'Co-operative Capitalism' has been returned as the top search item of co-operative capitalism on all popular internet search engines for the past 8 months.

Curiously a high number of internet sessions from Russia (yandex.ru) amongst sessions from over 40 countries during this time.

The website [www.co-operativecapitalism.com](http://www.co-operativecapitalism.com) covers the concept in detail. There is a brief commentary ( a 2 minute read) blogged during the last NZ election which encapsulates the core points and motivations for the concept. That commentary is included with this letter:-

Regards, [1]

Alan Harding

PS I am surmising that Sir Michael will find interesting the website Blog Post contributions supporting the concept.



As the Kotahi payment concept becomes part of 'the New Zealand way' we will see a more robust growing economy and improved social cohesion.

I am hopeful that New Zealand becomes a lead nation for co-operative capitalism and, as has happened before, have an influence beyond our borders.

Overly optimistic ?.....No - soundly based, and Shakespeare did say 'Dare mighty things'.