

From the editors

The *New Zealand journal of industrial relations* has been published by the Industrial Relations Society of New Zealand Inc. since it was founded in 1976. As such it has been the Society's official journal. We accepted editorship of the *journal* for a 3-year term beginning in 1981. As editors, our aims have been to endeavour to continually raise the standard of article in the *journal* and to improve the presentation within the constraint of keeping subscriptions as low as possible. We have also endeavoured to publish a mixture of articles which would appeal to industrial relations researchers, practitioners and general readers. We have always endeavoured to obtain material which was topical. We believe we have achieved these aims.

Despite this, from time to time, we have found ourselves in a difficult position with respect to some of the policy decisions of the Society, particularly attempts to influence *journal* content. Clearly such influence would be quite unacceptable both to the *journal* editors and to readers. It has therefore been decided, with the Society's agreement, that the editorial independence of the *journal* should be placed on a firmer footing. Accordingly, the December and subsequent issues of the *journal* will be published under the auspices of a separate organisation, the New Zealand Institute of Industrial Relations Research. In all other respects, the *journal* will remain unchanged.

We have been asked to continue as editors and have agreed to do so. We will continue to endeavour to raise standards and anticipate a continuation of the support the *journal* has received over the past 3 years.

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