

The role of Railways as a primary freight carrier over long distances will be restored and public urban transport will be promoted with the ratepayers' interests in mind. Air New Zealand and New Zealand-owned shipping will be given positive support.

The improvement in New Zealand's self-sufficiency in transport fuels will be continued. To this end there will be an increased emphasis on the development and use of CNG, LPG and biogas. The energy projects which are under construction will be completed. It is the intention, however, to examine closely any new project proposals.

The success of the Government's policies for the revitalisation of the economy will depend on soundly-based development in the regions. The enhancement of regional resources is another key to the creation of the additional jobs needed to return to full employment.

It is intended to repeal the National Development Act. Instead the Government will rely on existing well-developed planning procedures, modifying them if necessary to ensure the Planning Tribunal makes the final decision on major projects.

HONOURABLE MEMBERS, tourism has the capacity to contribute substantially to New Zealand's overseas funds and often to employ additional staff in just those communities where employment opportunities are limited.

The Government will co-operate with the newly established New Zealand Tourist Industry Federation to help this industry develop its full potential.

The Government believes that an increasing number of people will wish to visit New Zealand to share with New Zealanders, if only briefly, a quality of life which is rare in a polluted, crowded and anxious world. It will be the Government's aim that in developing tourism great care is taken to minimise its social and environmental impact. The very qualities which attract visitors to these shores must not be impaired and New Zealanders must still have the right to enjoy to the full their own heritage.

Our country's distinctive qualities have been given international prominence once again by the achievements of our sportsmen and women at the recent Olympic Games. I am sure that all New Zealanders admire and are proud of the skills and the dedication of the whole team. They showed that special blend, so difficult to attain, of competitiveness, courage and true sportsmanship which has become the mark of New Zealanders who represent their country in international sporting events.

HONOURABLE MEMBERS, it is intended to examine ways of improving our primary health services and in particular, the level of the General Medical Services benefit payable to patients.