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This article considers the amenability of private incorporated bodies to judicial review in New Zealand, along with the related question of the relationship between common law review and the statutory recognition of judicial review in the Judicature Amendment Act 1972 (NZ). In particular, it analyses whether the Act confers jurisdiction to review such bodies, without an assessment of their "publicness", as would otherwise be required under common law review.

It is argued that the text, purpose, scheme, policy, and constitutional considerations weigh against the Act being jurisdiction-conferring. In other words, even if a body appears to meet the language of the Act, the courts must still

assess its publicness when determining whether it is amenable to review. The Act is better understood as providing procedural support for judicial review only.

"Anti-Avoidance and Tax Treaty Policies in the Asian Pacific Region"

Institute of Policy Studies Newsletter, Vol. 19, pp. 11-13, 1989
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A report on a conference organised jointly by the Institute of Policy Studies, Wellington, the Asian Pacific Tax and Investment Centre, Singapore, and the Australian Tax Research Foundation, Sydney. The purpose was to study judicial and legislative anti-avoidance measures and treaty policies in the Asian Pacific region.

"It Takes Two to Tango - Have They Learned Their Steps?"

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The paper examines the reponse of New Zealand's Parliament to landmark human rights decisions. It also discusses the general debate on human rights in Parliament. Conversely it examines the courts' attitude towards the doctrine of parliamentary sovereignty. The paper's thesis is that a dialogue between the New Zealand courts and Parliament exists.

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