## Appendix One Some facts about the two countries

|                                 | Sweden  | NZ   |
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| Area                            | 450,000 km <sup>2</sup>   | 270,534 km <sup>2</sup>  |
| Population                      | 9.3 million   | 4 million  |
| Longest north-south<br>distance | 1,574 km (978 mi.)  | 1,600 km   |
| Longest east-west<br>distance   | 499 km (310 mi.)  | 450 km   |
| Capital                         | Stockholm (Pop. 1.3 million)  | Wellington (Pop. 370,000)  |
| Languages                       | Swedish. Recognised<br>minority languages:<br>Sami (Lapp), Finnish,<br>Meänkieli (Tornedalen Finnish),<br>Yiddish,<br>Romani Chib (a Gypsy language). | Three official languages:<br>Te Reo Maori, English, Sign   |
| Form of government              | Constitutional monarchy, parliamentary democracy  | Constitutional monarchy, parliamentary democracy   |
| Parliament                      | The Riksdag, with 349 members<br>in one chamber. Parliamentary<br>elections are held every four<br>years.   | 120 members with mixture of<br>electoral and list members elected<br>every three years through a system<br>of proportional representation. |
| Religion                        | No state religion. The Church<br>of Sweden is Evangelical<br>Lutheran; co-exists with many<br>other beliefs.  | No state religion  |
| Life expectancy                 | Men 79 years<br>Women 83 years  | Maori male 70.4<br>Maori female 75.1<br>Non-Maori male 79<br>Non-Maori female 83   |