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To the signatories
of Sharing Wealth.
An open response,
to your open letter.

Dear Dave Allison, Peter Alspach, Glenn Barclay, Terry Baucher, Margaret Bendall, Dr. Geoff Bertram, Claire Brown, Rachel Brown, Tur Borren, John Cantin, Rob Campbell, Melissa Clark-Reynolds, Barry Coates, Len Cook, Prof. Peter Crampton, Dame Diana Crossan, Annette Culpan, Marie Culpan, Bernie Culpan, David Cunliffe, Dame Susan Devoy, Janet Digby, Pip Duncalf, Lani Evans, Paula Feathers, Dr. Michael Fletcher, Bevin Fitzsimmons, Jill Ford, Kate Frykberg, Marcus Ganley, Dr. Bev Gatenby, Jennifer Gill, Ben Gleisner, Dr. Anake Goodall, David Hanna, Iain Hines, Marian Hobbs, Felicite Jardine, Kathryn Jones, Jim Kebbell, Anna Kominik, Celia Lampe, Simon Laube, Keith Lees, David Long, Simon Louisson, Tamar Louisson, Colin MacDonald, Peter Malcolm, Robyn Malcolm, Trent Mankelow, Clair Mills, Phillip Mills, Nick Miller, Sue Morrison, Dave Moskovitz, Rosalie Nelson Kerry Newton, Sam Ng, Keith Oliver, Mary O'Regan, Michaela Pearson, Neale Pitches, Gerard Prinsen, Malcolm Rands, Ngapera Riley, Mary-Jane Rivers, Chris Roberts, Rachel Roberts, Stefan Rüegg, Rachel Sanson, Glen Saunders, Nicki Sayers, Saskia Schuitemaker, Robyn Scott, Peter Torr Smith, Tā Mark Solomon, Jade Tang Taylor, Sir Ian Taylor, Dave ten Have, Hugh Tennent, Andrew Thomas, Kate Thomas, Kate Tindall-Lum, Boris van Beusekom, Marcel van den Assum, Sita Venkateswar, Jill Visser, Janfrie Wakim, Michelle Wanwimolruk, Marlene Ware, Rahul Watson Govindan, Gerry Westhuis, Michele Whiting, Marion Wood, Terence Wood, Judith Yarwood,

We loved your open letter to the NZ public and politicians. Here's our own open letter, in direct response.

We write as people who are frustrated with the lack of funding to support the worsening youth mental health crisis. We want more for rangatahi.

The Government recently cut our funding, despite our evidence-based youth mental health programs being scientifically-proven to work. Proven to build a better world, where rangatahi thrive. Sound familiar? We borrowed that from your letter, because it's true. Just ask our rangatahi participants and whānau.

"I feel very relaxed, and loved. The people/whānau at this kaupapa have made me feel special and actually cared about. I feel amazing and free."

We couldn't agree more that looking after each other is the mark of a civilised society and tax is one way to pay for that. Donations to those doing the mahi on the ground is another great way to contribute to our nation's collective success.

How about we cut out the middle politicians and make meaningful change together. You want to pay more tax, the Government has cut our funding.

Let's kōrero,

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