



## BREAK OUT THE CHAMPAGNE!!!

It's been a Long Time Coming (Like about 30 Years in Parliamentary time, and 4 in this government's life)

Wednesday 21 March last (the same day as the Prime Minister and the Minister of Finance of Finance announced similarly rather long delayed changes to Tax and benefit payments and simultaneously derailed the Gravy Train being stoked by property developers at the expense of first home owners) the Minister of Broadcasting the Hon Kris Faafoi unveiled his plans for the reform of Broadcasting Governance in NZ, which in this writer's view, may have as far reaching implications as capital gains tax reform, for the wellbeing of the people of this country.

These bold steps take the form of a Governance group which has a notably non-party political profile, a very enlightened step, which will produce a matrix for a new Public Media Entity out of the old TVNZ-RNZ configuration, and more importantly, a tight time frame which promises a legislative proposal for cabinet by the end of the year.

Hopefully, the shambolic media complaints scene in NZ will start to get sorted at last, and the public will be allowed to at last have get to have some sort of say at last, in how their own money is being spent in the media, especially at a time when privately owned entities, unable to compete with the



Internet, are waving their begging bowls at taxpayers.