

Letters to the Editor

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NZ visitors

From Mr Lucien Gubbay

Sir, On a recent visit to New Zealand I noted the large number of names inscribed on memorials to the two world wars in even the smaller towns. I also noted the shocked reaction to the current proposal, widely reported in newspapers in New Zealand, to reduce from two years to one year the length of "overseas experience" allowed to young New Zealanders coming to this country.

However unfashionable today, the sentiment that inspired so many from the remotest part of the world to regard our wars as their wars deserves to be long remembered. The young people involved are an asset, not a liability, and curtailing the length of their stay here can only do harm.

Yours etc,
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