

# Commonplace Diversity

So what?

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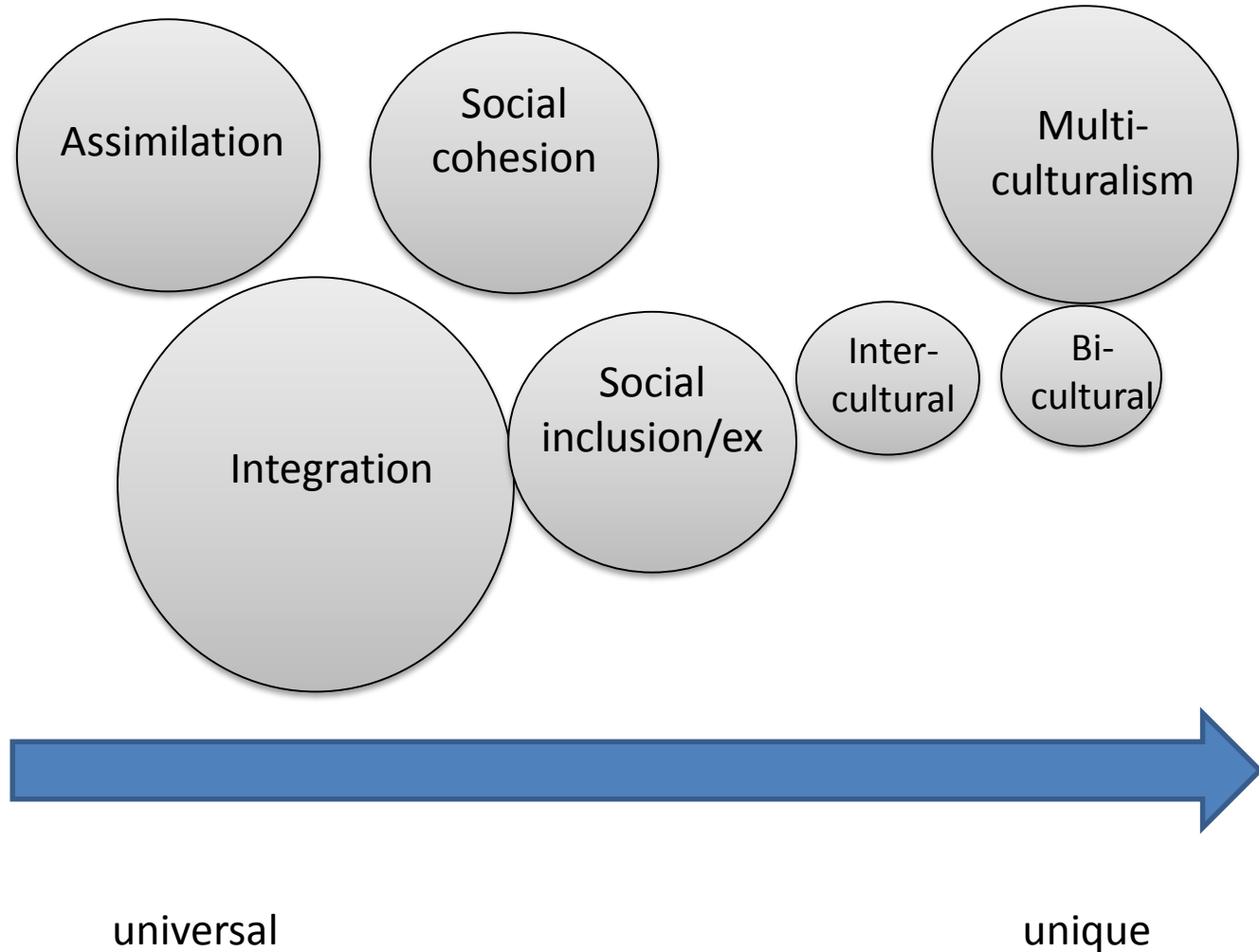


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Capturing the Diversity Dividend  
of Aotearoa/New Zealand

Every concept directs our attention  
someplace and not elsewhere

# Some concepts for framing how we get along since 1985



# 'Spongy concepts'

## Multiculturalism:

'Its references are a wild variety of political strategies (Hall, 2001)

## Social cohesion:

' In short, as nearly any review of the social cohesion literature will attest, this is a body of knowledge that is almost singularly defined by its *lack* of cohesion.' (Tolley and Spoonley, 2012)

# Material effects?

‘In particular, both Canada and Britain need to face the fact that multiculturalism, which for both countries is an article of faith, has brought havoc in its wake’ (Journalist and Author, Melanie Phillips, Daily Mail, 2006)



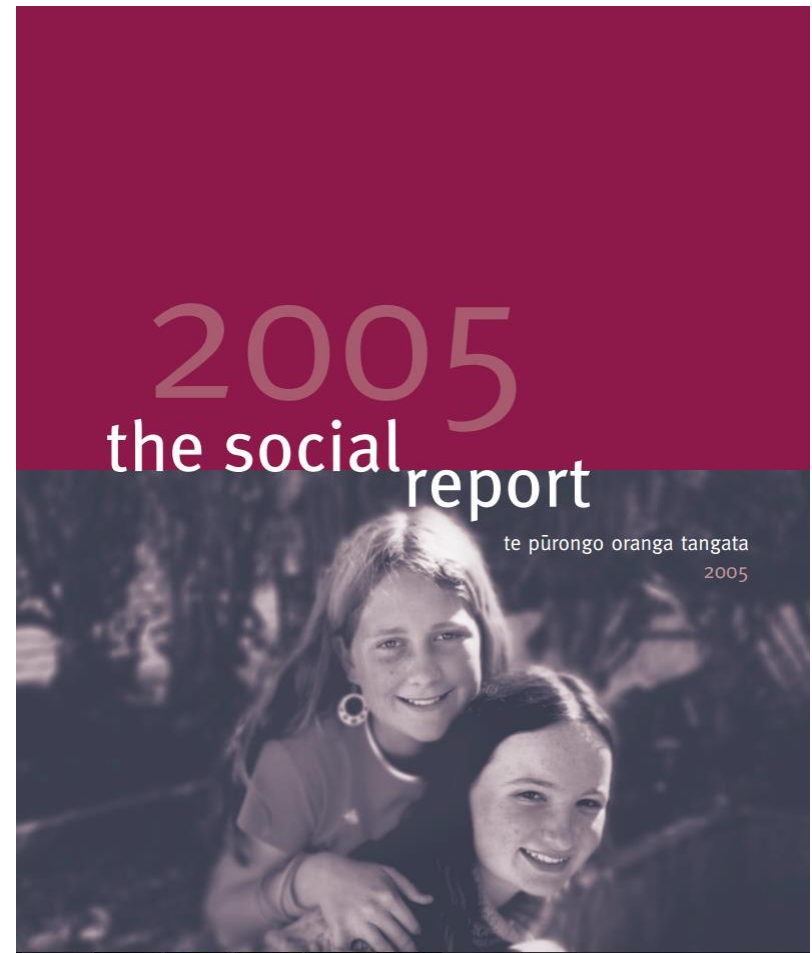
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# New Zealand's 'race based policies...' vs one law for all

“We intend to remove divisive race-based features from legislation....There can be no basis for special privileges for any race, no basis for government funding based on race, no basis for introducing Maori wards in local authority elections, and no obligation for local governments to consult Maori in preference to other New Zealanders.”

Don Brash, Then Leader of the National Party, Orewa, 2004



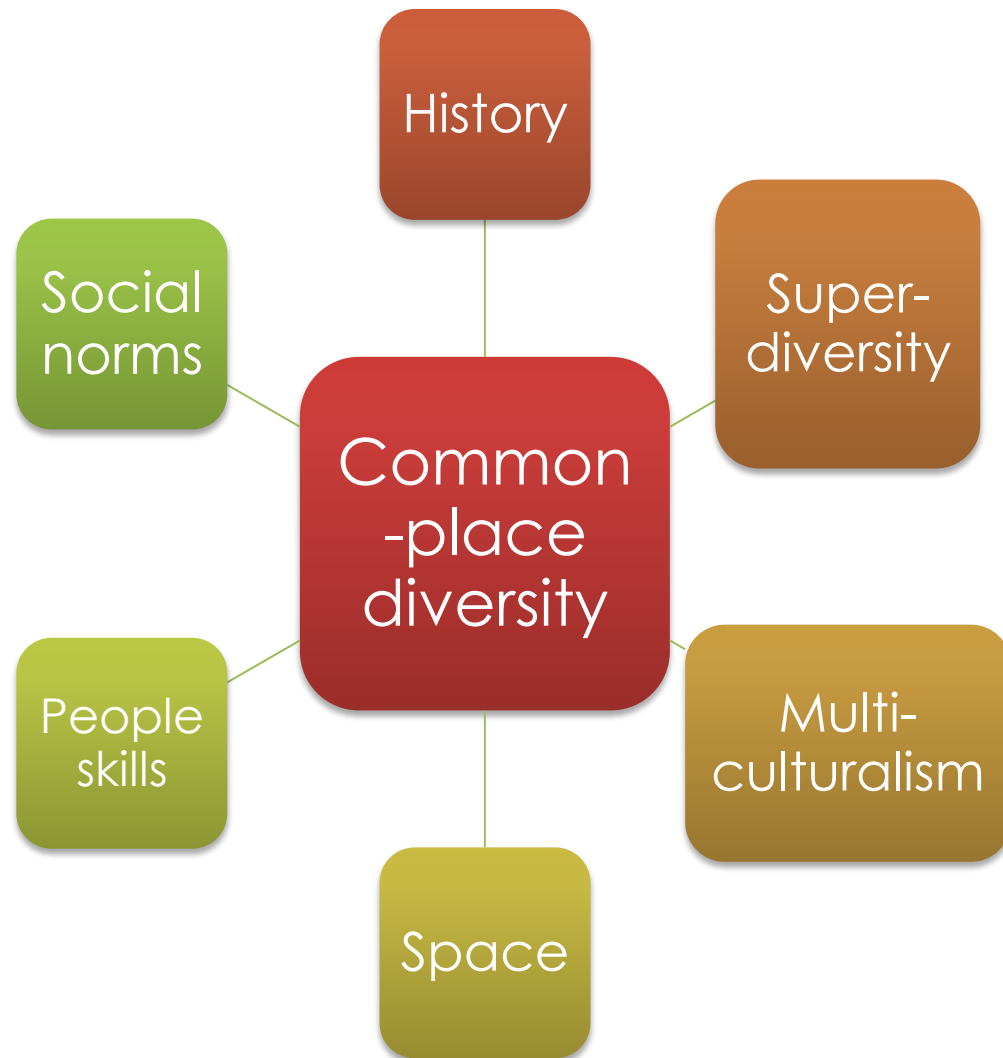
# What about commonplace diversity?

**Wessendorf (2014) :**

‘rather than seeing cultural diversity as something particularly special, it forms out of the everyday lived reality and is not perceived as unusual. This normalcy of diversity is what I conceptualise as commonplace diversity,...diversity has become habitual and part of the everyday human landscape (p.3).



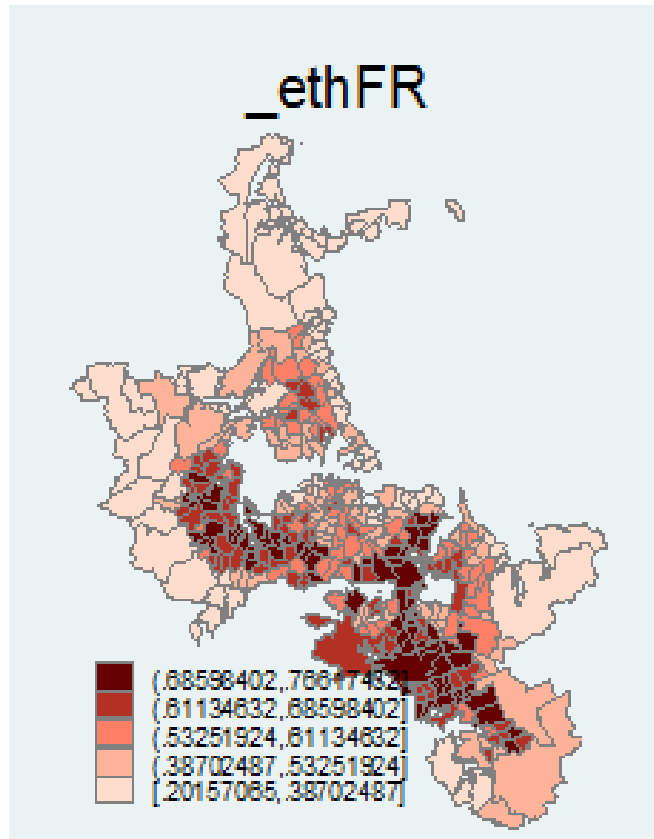
# Conditions for commonplace diversity



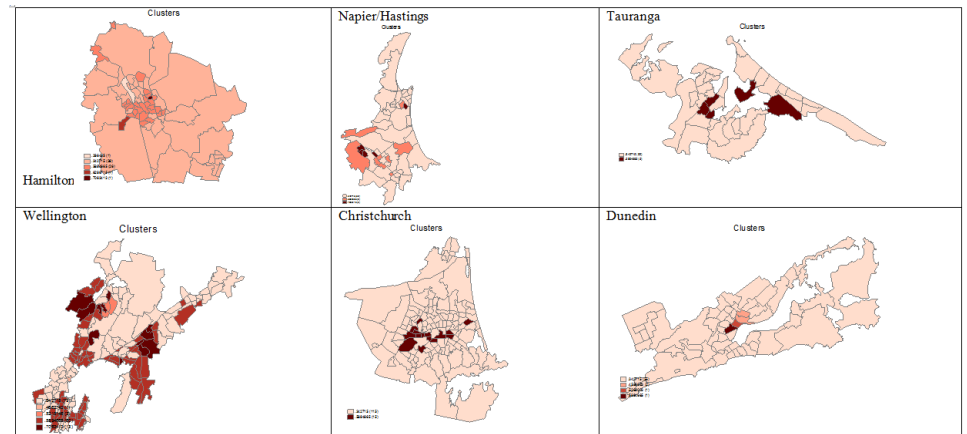


# Conditions: Demography

## Ethnic diversity in Auckland

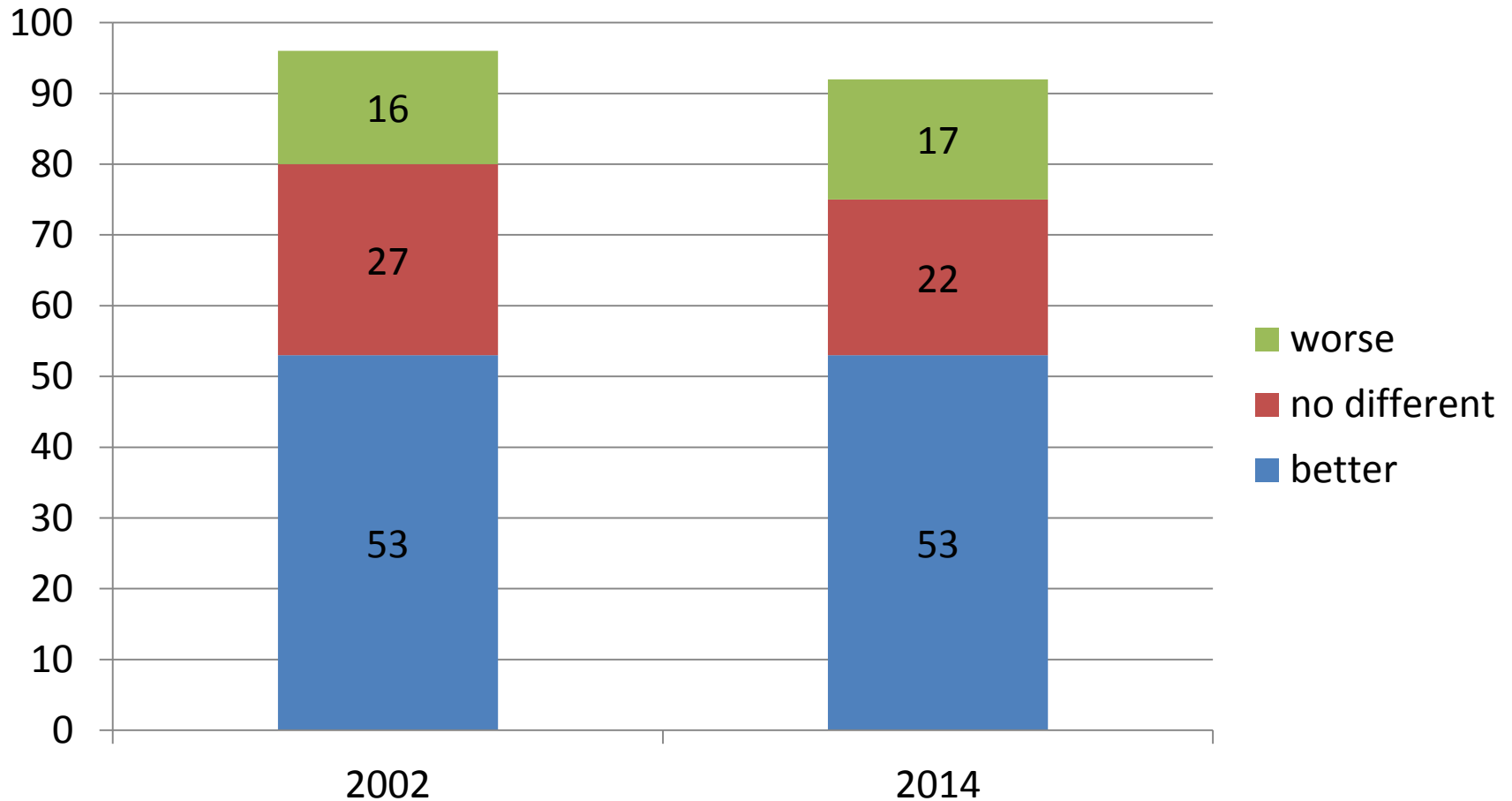


## Ethnic Diversity in other centres



Maré, D. unpublished analysis 2015

# History: Quality of life surveys – impact of diversity

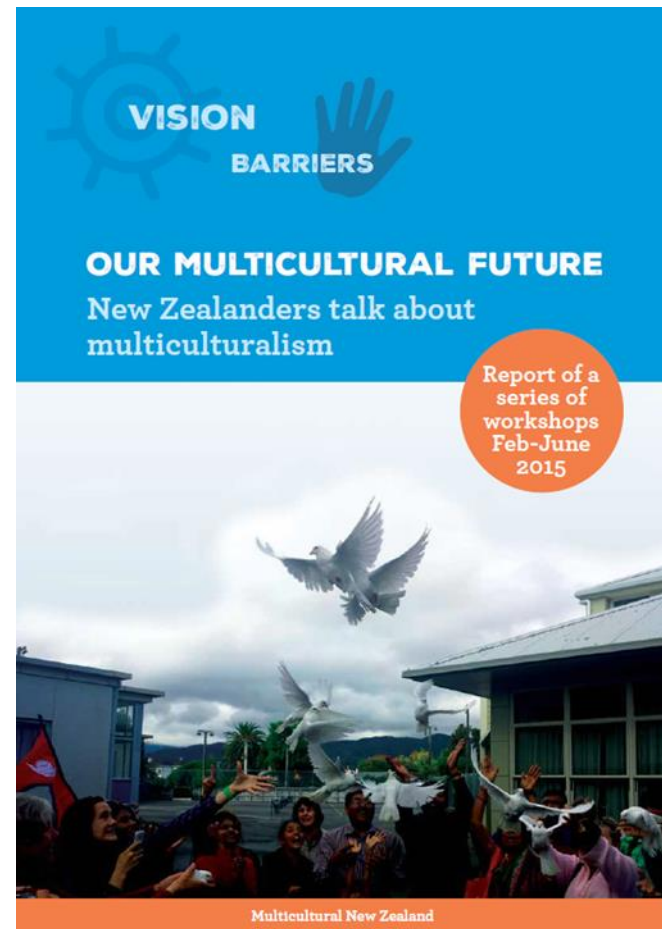


# Conditions: Multiculturalism and biculturalism

“There are perceived tensions between the concepts of biculturalism and multiculturalism. Some argue that many issues of biculturalism remain unresolved and that these need to be addressed before we progress to multiculturalism.

A more common view amongst participants was that they are not in opposition and that as expressed in one group “we can be both, recognising the Treaty and indigenous rights in a multicultural context.”

<http://www.scoop.co.nz/stories/PA0401/S00220.htm>



# Conditions: Space and publicly funded institutions



<http://www.teara.govt.nz/en/map/20564/children-playing-in-masterton-park>



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A circuit breaker or conversation starter?