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Writer



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Objective Summary

I'm looking for freelance copy and content writing opportunities, in the areas of features, reports, technical subjects, policy and strategy, journalism and reporting, speeches, media and press releases, and blog writing—including humorous and satirical, as well as serious and commercial material.

About myself

I am a former two-term (six year) New Zealand Member of Parliament, and magazine columnist, a dual national now resident in the United Kingdom. In addition to my Parliamentary experience I also served on my Party's Board of Directors.

For ten years as a freelance journalist I wrote a monthly 2,000 word column entitled *Eyes Right*, in [Investigate Magazine](#), New Zealand's leading investigative journal, focusing on current affairs, world events, politics, and social issues. I currently continue to address serious subjects through my own blog, also named [Eyes Right](#), whilst expressing frivolity via [Quora](#).

In 2013 my first book, *Uncommon Dissent*, was published by Investigate's owners.

I am a winemaker by trade, and I have lengthy experience in a wide range of industries and occupations, including hospitality, freight, mechanical engineering, agricultural machinery, and irrigation. This enables me to understand, digest, and communicate technical subjects, and translate them for general or specialist consumption.

I have a unique perspective and insight stemming from experience within both private sector business, and central Government.

Particular Interests

- Conservation and Environmental issues
- Central Government politics
- Firearms and Military hardware
- World and Military history
- Alternative and Renewable Energies
- Hunting, Shooting, and Fishing
- World and Current Affairs
- Aviation and Space
- Science and Technology
- Complimentary and Men's Health
- Wine, of course.

Personal skills

Communication and Public Speaking

Seven years creating and issuing Media Releases, ten years freelance journalism, six years both writing Policy, and writing and delivering speeches in Parliament, campaigning via social media during election campaigns, at public events, to business and interest groups, panel discussions and debates, plus media interviews.

Policy Formation and Analysis

Creating initiatives and drafting policy, and working with caucus Members and Select Committees to understand and resolve issues, accommodate new information from expert and public submitters, apply costings, and create forecast impact analyses.

Education & Qualifications

Eastern Institute of Technology

Napier, New Zealand

Certificate in Wine - Grapegrowing & Winemaking

Hauraki Plains College

Ngatea, New Zealand

7th Form, HSC, UE Accredited

Highlighted Work History

Parliament

Wellington, New Zealand

Oct 2011 - Sep 2017

Member of Parliament

New Zealand First Party – Board of Directors

Member of Parliament

50th and 51st Parliaments: Member Law & Order Select Committee, Primary Production Select Committee, ICT Subcommittee, Precincts Subcommittee

Spokesperson for Agriculture, Fisheries, Forestry, Biosecurity, Police, Customs, Outdoor Recreation, Animal Welfare, Veteran's Affairs, State Owned Enterprises, Associate Defence

New Zealand Irrigation Industry:

Alexandra & Christchurch, New Zealand

Aug 2007 - Sep 2011 & Jan 2018 – Mar 2019

Sales Engineer, Business Development Manager, Branch Manager

Water Dynamics Division of Tyco, Parkland Irrigation Ltd, The Irrigation Warehouse Ltd

New Zealand Wine Industry:

Alexandra and Queenstown, Central Otago, New Zealand

1998 - 2008

Winemaker, Viticulturist, Stillmaster, Consultant,

Vineyard Contractor

Gibbston Valley Wines Ltd, William Hill Winery Ltd, Hinton Estate Ltd, Earnsclough Rd Wine Company Ltd (founding Director), R & L Prosser Contracting Ltd (founding Director)