

The Facts

SALES TAX ON RECORDINGS

1978 The National Party Promise

Sound Recording Industry

National, recognising the importance of the sound recording industry to the musical, cultural and educational life of the community, will encourage New Zealand composers, recording artists and producers to develop and market their recordings. To this end National has asked the Queen Elizabeth II Arts Council to report on how best these objectives can be achieved; and will give sympathetic consideration to such recommendations as the Council may make.

Arts — 'Election Manifesto'

1980

"Sales tax on records is too high ... pretty close to punitive."

*Hon H. Templeton,
Minister of Customs (April 1980)*

1981

"It is ridiculous to pick off recordings as somehow worthy of special attention."

*Hon H. Templeton's attack on
Labour's promise to remove sales tax
on records (August 1981)*

Feb, 1980 the Queen Elizabeth II Arts Council recommended:

"That the Government immediately abolish or significantly reduce sales tax on records on the grounds that tax should not be levied on cultural property; and that the tax is hindering the development of an industry with significant export and import substitution potential."

*'The Development of the
NZ Recording Industry'*

"We've got to do something."

*Hon Alan Highet,
Minister of the Arts (1981)*

"Given the right support, New Zealand could become as well known for its fresh and exciting music as it is for butter, lamb and All Blacks."

Neil Finn, Split Enz (August 1981)

1981 — The Labour Party Promise

"Labour will remove sales tax on recordings."

Hon W. Rowling (May 1981)

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