

are successful, but I suspect there is a lot of money in some of the constantly popular TV shows and discussions.

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Host Bill English says a "moral issue". He is right, but we could turn a blind eye if changes were

taxpayer wants value for his tax dollar and programmes like *Songs from the Inside* instituted in all our prisons.

Mike Houlding
(Ohauiti, Tauranga)

IF THE SHOES FIT

Thanks to Joanne Black (*The Black page*, June 9) for buying a pair of our shoes and understanding where we're coming from in terms of style and workmanship. Our business completely depends

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on customers like Black who recognise the value in our shoes and are willing to pay more for that.

However, I need to challenge the thought that buying New Zealand-made is unimportant. We live here and this is our society, so surely it makes sense to try to create a place

where everyone has a chance to work and enjoy the benefits that flow from that?

Employment is a key element of personal and family happiness, and buying New Zealand-made immediately creates more employment.

That the product has to be of suitable quality is a given,

but expecting a society that values a fair wage to compete with one that doesn't just seems thoughtless.

The entire Western world has offshored manufacturing and joined the race to the bottom for the cheapest imported consumer goods; all those economies are now destructing, and are facing a tidal wave of joblessness.

If you value fairness, opportunity and the idea that your kids will be able to work and live in a creative, positive and prosperous country, then spend a little more, buy something grown or made here and be part of creating a happier society from the factory floor up.

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Rialto Channel's "Double Exposure" series, in association with the *New Zealand Listener*, starts on Sky's Rialto Channel 25 on Wednesday, July 4, running each Wednesday and Thursday at 8.30pm throughout July and August, two documentaries complementing each other in their chosen genre will premiere, giving the viewers double the insight and double the picture to inspire and challenge. We have two prize packs to give away, each containing five DVDs of the films being shown.

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