

# Thinking about living in Australia?

## Clarification of pages 7 and 14 of the booklet

### The revised Social Security Agreement

From 1 July 2002, Australians living in New Zealand and returning New Zealanders will need to meet the same residence and other criteria as any other New Zealander to receive Widows Benefit and Domestic Purposes Benefit. Your eligibility for these benefits is based on your own particular circumstances so you should contact the Department of Work and Income on 0800 777 577 or +64-4-916 2437 if calling from outside New Zealand (international call charges will apply) if you want further information on how the rules apply to you.

The eligibility criteria look at things such as how long you have lived in New Zealand in the past, whether any dependent children were born in New Zealand, and other matters. For example, if you have a dependent child born overseas but you have lived in New Zealand for 10 years at some time in your life, you would probably qualify for these benefits on your return to New Zealand. But you should still call the Department to check your individual situation.

If you do not qualify for either Widows Benefit or Domestic Purposes Benefit, you may still qualify for other forms of assistance.

This information is an insert for the booklet "Thinking about living in Australia? There are some changes New Zealanders need to know about."

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