

Debt the killer

The opinion piece by Pita Alexander in Farming (September 26) has me puzzled. He wrote "John Key and Bill English strike me as having a safe pair of financial hands". On the other hand, whenever I've heard Alexander give one of his sage addresses to farmers, he emphasises strongly and reiterates a policy of attacking, lowering and eliminating debt, whenever a farmer can. Debt is the "killer".

His praise of Key and English seems at odds with this fundamental logic of getting rid of debt. Key and English since 2008 when elected have reportedly borrowed at an average of \$27 million every 24 hours. Thus government debt has gone from \$10 billion in 2008 to more than \$60 billion today.

Am I missing something? Or perhaps the Dotcom sideshow of a guffawing, corpulent German import feasted on by the vulture-like tabloid media diverted attention from political policies, promises and performances?

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