

## Doug Poole

### Poem Notes

#### ***AKA PC Bully the New New Zzzland***

Responds to the removal of voting rights of New Zzzlands inmates. The work finishes alluding to Janet Frames powerful future shock novel – *Intensive Care*.

#### ***AKA PC Bully On Welfare Reform***

Juxtaposes John Key's welfare household upbringing with 14 year old drug enforcers in Mexico – can you imagine a New Zealand that fails to care for its vulnerable and needy citizens?

*Cheers*

### Poet Notes

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## AKA PC Bully: The New New Zzzland

— *To Janet Frames — Intensive Care*

It's the New New Zzzland  
cutting through the  
old new zzzland  
to the soft heart  
open to exploitation  
foreign ownership  
exploitation  
Its the New New Zzzland  
The day we took the vote  
from those incarcerated  
did we became a totalitarian  
state? It is a very  
Keysian---  
Keysian--  
Keysian-  
way of thinking about it...  
You got to come at it  
Extreme, at obtuse angles,  
cutting if you will,  
at the very fabric of  
old new zzzland.  
To the soft heart  
open to exploitation.  
foreign ownership  
exploitation.  
It's the New New Zzzland,  
New Zzzland. Not the old!  
I'ts guns on hips, remember  
loose lips sink ships.  
It's the New New Zzzland,  
& the *fires are burning*  
& the *air is sweet*.

### **AKA PC Bully on welfare reform**

*“If we cancelled welfare to 330,000 people currently on welfare, how many would starve to death? Bigger all.” – John Key – Prime Minister of New Zzzland*

How many would...

many supposedly like you

Who grew on the milk

of human kindness?

A statehouse, on welfare

on the d.p.b.

How many would...

hang from an overpass,

crucified, become teenage

drug war enforcers?

How many might kill my son/ my daughter?