Speaking Truth to Power: Public Intellectuals Rethink New Zealand

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Abstract:
Speaking Truth to Power was the first book to extensively explore the role of the public intellectual in New Zealand society. It centred on the work of 11 interviews with leading intellectuals including Jane Kelsey, Brian Easton, Nicky Hager, James Belich, Lloyd Geering, Marilyn Waring, the late Michael King, Sandra Coney and Ranginui Walker.

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— a thoughtful account of the past and present situation of intellectuals in the country — makes this claim at length. The renowned thinker Bruce Jesson has spoken eloquently of New Zealand’s “flight from thought”.