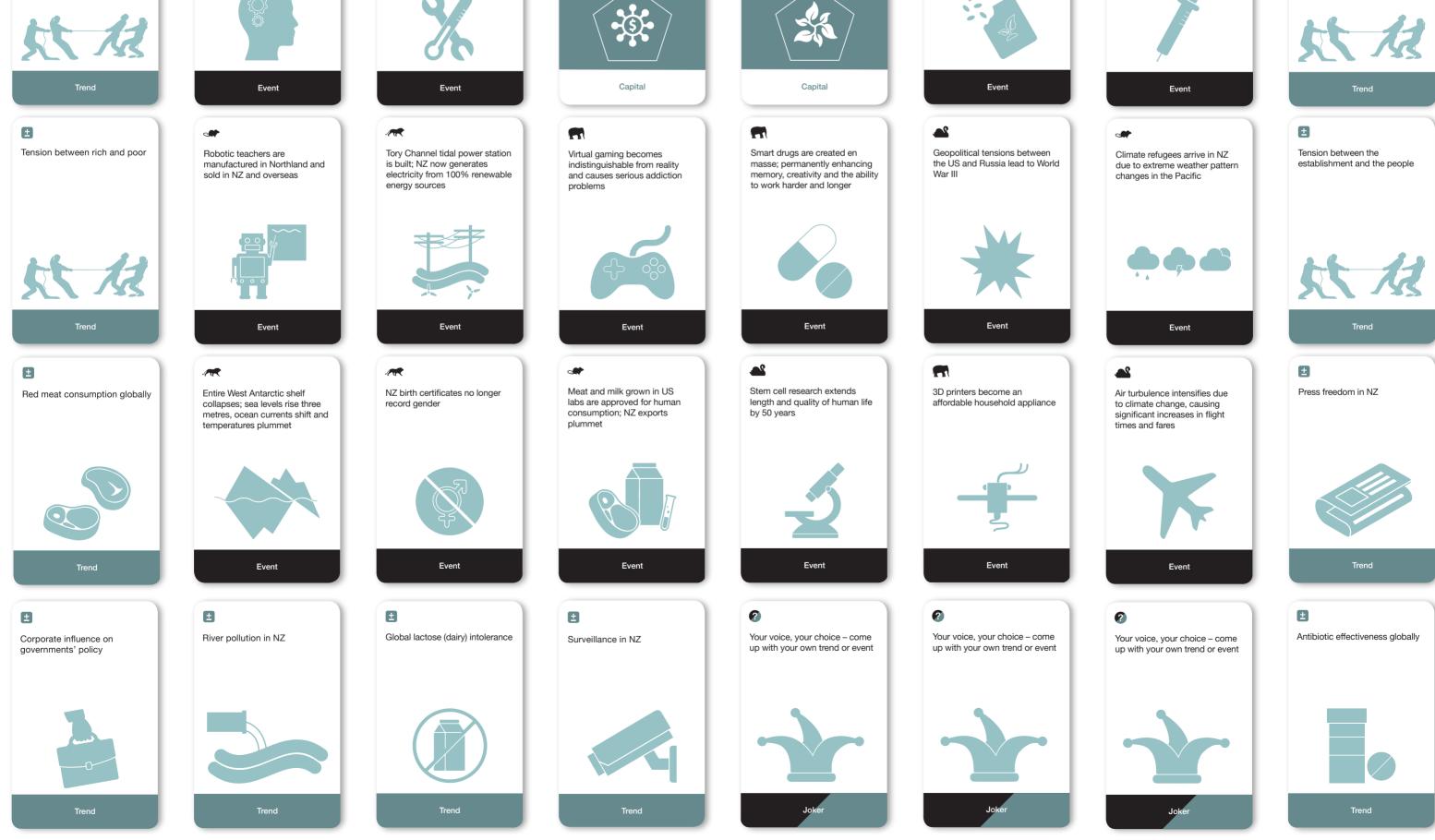
<b>±</b> Urban density in NZ	t Youth unemployment in NZ	tifestyle diseases in NZ (e.g. diabetes, lung cancer and heart attacks)	± Fish stocks in NZ	E Immigration to NZ	E Birth rates in NZ	1 Government debt in NZ	E Household debt in NZ
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E Tension between different racial groups in NZ	Solar flare hits Earth; electromagnetic interference causes power grids to fail in NZ	Volcano erupts in Auckland	NZ decriminalises all drugs, following Portugal's lead	NZ becomes a state of Australia	NZ becomes a republic	Terrorists target NZ Parliament, causing significant damage	tension between citizens pursuing self-interest and citizens pursuing community interest
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t Tension between the Crown and Iwi	Antarctic Treaty is replaced; resource exploitation begins in Antarctica	Te Reo Māori becomes a compulsory part of the national curriculum for years 1 to 12	Global drought on an unprecedented scale causes extreme international food crisis	Cancer cure is discovered but only the wealthy can afford to be treated	Genetically modified humans are created	Extra-terrestrials land in Fiordland National Park	tension between nation state governance and global governance
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Trend	Event	Event	Event	Event	Event	Event	Trend
Tension between local and national government in NZ	Autonomous weapon systems are used in a major war in the Middle East, removing the need for human operators on the battlefield	Ebola mutates into a virus as contagious as the flu, creating a global pandemic	Human Capital Skills and capacities that people have (e.g. education, knowledge, health and wellness)	Social Capital Relationships between people (e.g. social cohesion, mutual respect and equal opportunity)	Asteroid strikes Australia, causing a mini-ice age for five years	International global banking shock causes Auckland housing market to crash	E Tension between developed and developing countries
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Tension between old and young	The first machine with intelligence greater than our own is created	Scientists modify Earth's climate to reduce global warming	Economic Capital Human-made resources used in production (e.g. infrastructure, communication, networks and services)	Matural Capital Non-renewable and renewable resources (e.g. land, minerals, air, water, fish stocks and the wider ecosystem)	The Norwegian Svalbard Global Seed Vault opens a partner seed vault in Gisborne as part of an international collaboration	NZ passes a Termination of Life on Request and Assisted Suicide Act, following the Netherlands' lead	Tension between capitalism and environmentalism
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All of the Institute's public policy workshops for young people are experiments, and *ForesightNZ* was no exception. The participants embraced the broadness of their task to create a pack of cards focused on New Zealand's future. Long periods of certainty can breed lazy thinking. The unique set of cards developed by participants can be used to play a range of different games, each one challenging players to engage with uncertainty. Besides being fun, the aim is for players to learn agile, creative and antifragile thinking – building capability for an uncertain future.

Foresight is indefinite by definition, and to enter into a foresight workshop with too prescriptive a goal would defeat the purpose entirely. Rather, the objective was

to encourage young people to think the unthinkable and focus on possible futures rather than their preferred future. With this in mind, they were asked to think about the future in terms of events and trends, and to acknowledge that trends can often deliver a game changer event – in other words, some trends quietly lead to a major unforeseen or unexpected event.

Participants chose Event Cards that would stretch their – and our – imaginations, and these tend to be more negative and therefore more challenging. They are not predictions, but are designed to enable dynamic and robust discussion. In contrast, the Trend Cards are less extreme and aim to give an understanding of

the ebbs and flows that currently shape our future. After learning about the four capitals which sit at the heart of the Treasury's *Living Standards Framework* (economic, social, human and natural), participants decided to include these as Capital Cards, encouraging players to think about how events and trends might impact the availability of our country's resources.

The fact that participants rose so readily to this challenge bodes very well for the future of New Zealand. We hope the *ForesightNZ* cards will provide a useful resource for businesses, communities and schools wishing to explore New Zealand's long-term future.

## ForesightNZ Playing Cards

*ForesightNZ* workshop was a collaboration between the New Zealand Treasury and the McGuinness Institute. Follow the conversation at #ForesightNZ.