New Zealand, technology and productivity

Technological change and the future of work: Draft report 1

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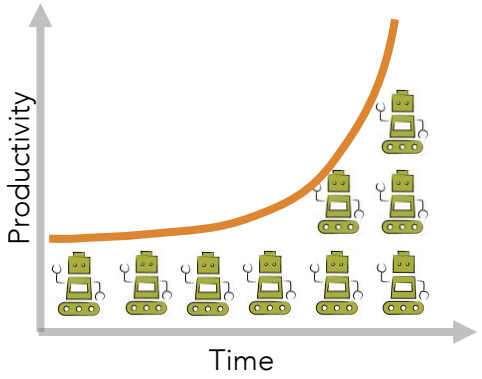
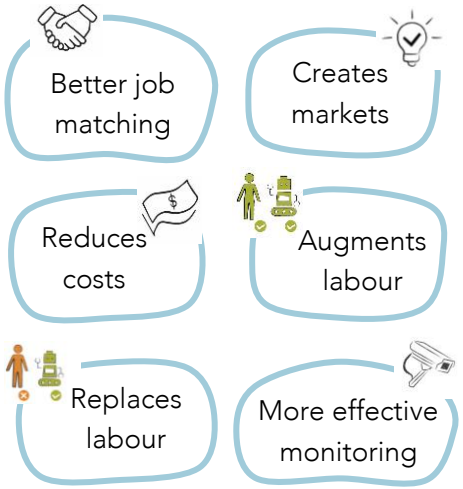
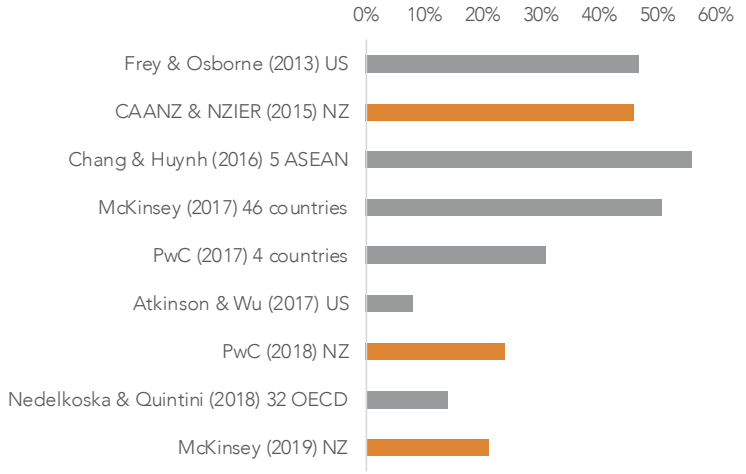


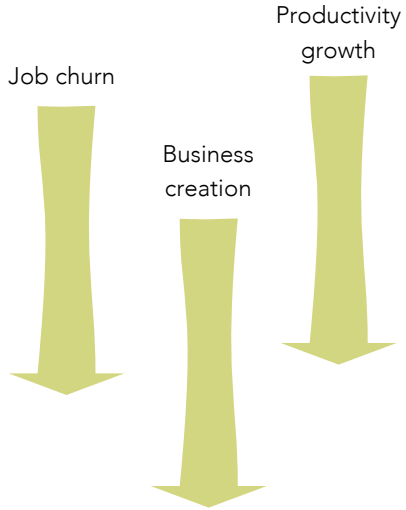
2 …and can have many possible effects on work.



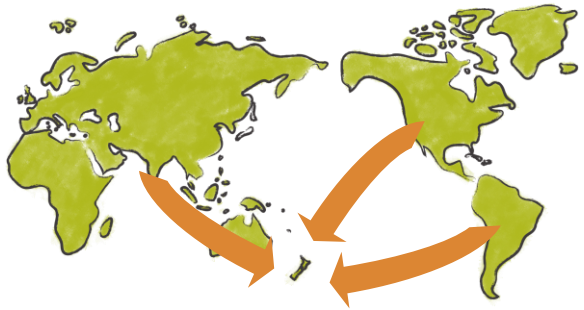
3 Many predict job losses and labour market disruption from automation…

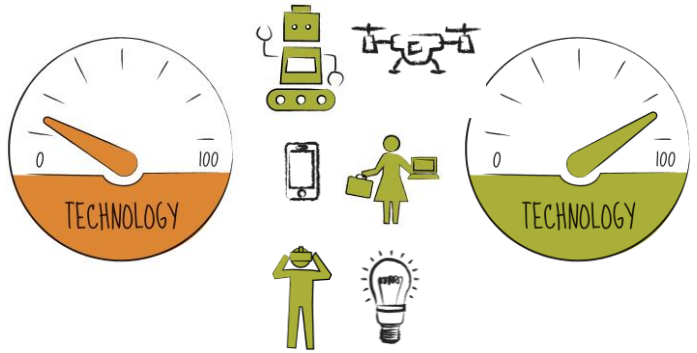


4 …but available data doesn't support those predictions.



5 Technological change and its impact on work in New Zealand will be driven in large part by developments overseas...



6 …but also by the choices New Zealand makes about adopting new technology.

7 The main problem facing New Zealand today isn't too much technology, it's not enough.