

genuine love for New Zealand and a deep frustration at the opportunities we are wasting," Seymour said.

"Paul is not entering politics because he needs another career. He is standing because he refuses to sit back while New Zealand becomes poorer, less ambitious, and divided by race."

The ACT Party had earlier promoted the event as a "major election-related announcement", teasing it as a "very exciting" development.

Henry is arguably most well-known for his long tenure hosting TV One's Breakfast programme.

He resigned from that high-profile position in 2010 after a public backlash to his ridicule of an Indian politician's name - Sheila Dikshit - and his comments about Sir Anand Satyanand.

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