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Manuscript Preparation and Submission Guidelines

The following guide is to assist you in preparing your manuscript for submission. If you follow these instructions carefully, your book will go through production faster and with fewer problems.

House Style

A brief house style sheet accompanies this guide.

Manuscript

- Please submit Microsoft Word electronic document files, either in separate chapters, or in one document if you are confident in the use of section breaks to keep endnotes within the relevant chapter.
- Include a Contents page (without page numbers).
- Keep formatting as simple as possible. The whole manuscript, including headings, should be in 12pt Times New Roman, with 1.5 line spacing. DO NOT attempt to design your manuscript.
- All headings and first lines flush left; first lines of the following paragraphs indented (using para styles, NOT tabs).
- Differentiate subhead levels visually (e.g. by using bold, then bold italic for the next level, then simple italic).
- Use sentence style for headings (not all caps).
- Use single quotes: double quotes are only for quotes within quotes.
- Do not embed photos or illustrations within the text; these are to be supplied separately.
- Use macrons for Māori words where applicable (see style sheet).
- For extracts, change the width of the left margin – do not use tabs.

Referencing

- See the house style sheet for OUP's preferred referencing style. *Care and consistency in citation style are essential.*
- Format your notes, bibliography/reference list with hanging indents (using the 'hanging indent' feature of your software, not your tab key).
- Use endnotes (notes at the end of each chapter) rather than footnotes.
- Notes for each chapter must begin with note 1. Number notes consecutively using Arabic numbers; do not use roman numerals or symbols.

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