

IN THE HIGH COURT OF NEW ZEALAND
AT WELLINGTON

I TE KŌTI MATUA O AOTEAROA
TE WHANGANUI-A-TARA ROHE

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BETWEEN NEW ZEALAND LOYAL
 Applicant

AND ELECTORAL COMMISSION
 First Respondent

 ATTORNEY-GENERAL
 Second Respondent

AFFIDAVIT OF MICHELE SMITH

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FRONLINE LAW

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Level 2, 90 Dixon Street, Te Aro, Wellington 6011

affirm:

I MICHELE SMITH of [REDACTED] Party Secretary swear

CERTIFIED TRUE COPY OF PRESENTED TO ME AS AN ORIGINAL

1. My name is Michele Smith of [REDACTED] Party Secretary.

Signed _____ Date _____

2. I am the Party Secretary of the New Zealand Loyal (NZ Loyal) political party and am registered under Part 4 of the Electoral Act 1993 (the Act).

Diana Mary Ammundsen, JP #16037 PARAPARAUMU Justice of the Peace for New Zealand

3. On 29 August at 10:08am I attended a 13-minute 24-second telephone training call with Benjamin Baker for party secretaries regarding how to upload documents and submit nominations into Electoral Commission's (EC) online portal. The training call only provided me with the following information:

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3.1 I received the Party Secretary Nominations Manual (the Manual), [MS-1 Party Secretary Nominations Manual].

3.2 The call merely dealt with technical aspects of the EC portal and made no mention or explanation of the New Zealand electoral system, in particular the important distinction between party list and electoral candidates and most importantly, its significance.

3.3 The call felt rushed, and it was hard to understand what was being discussed without having access to the party portal or the nominations portal.

4. I understood the process for submitting party list candidates and bulk nominations to be: [MS-1]

4.1 Page 9 step 3 of the Manual states "For a candidate contesting both an electorate and the party list you only need to enter their details once. Make sure that you select the electorate they are contesting and enter their list number".

4.2 Page 9 step 3 of the Manual also states "If the candidate is Electorate Only. Remember to select the electorate they are contesting. Leave the "list number" field blank."

5. Between 4 and 6 September 2023 I experienced significant delay and difficulties due to the EC portal for NZ Loyal not having been set up properly.

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6. On 4 September at 11.44am I rang EC's Help Desk regarding issues with getting access to the party portal and nominations portal. The call lasted 16mins and 22secs and I discovered NZ Loyal's portal was not working.
7. I contacted EC multiple times to resolve the issue of gaining access. No one at EC knew why the portal was not working. Eventually, EC had to delete the portal and create it again. When the portal was finally working, the EC did not provide me with log in details and I had to follow up again. When I did finally get access to the portal and login details, I discovered it had still not been set up properly as the option to choose NZ Loyal as a party was missing, so I had to follow up with them about this as well.
8. Over the course of contact with EC, I had discussions with many different people via the Help Desk managers, including Hayden, Ravi, Jonathan, Braedyn, Sarah. These were the times and dates I rang EC Help Desk:
 - 8.1 On 4 September at 3.30pm from [REDACTED] unknown,
 - 8.2 On 5 September at 10.46am call lasted 2 minutes and 39 seconds,
 - 8.3 On 5 September 10.51am call with Benjamin Baker lasted 1 minute and 0 seconds,
 - 8.4 On 5 September 12.41pm from [REDACTED] (unknown caller, likely to be Adam [REDACTED])
 - 8.5 On 5 September 12.32pm from [REDACTED] missed call from EC, rang back but no reply, and
 - 8.6 On 5 September 2.04pm [REDACTED] call lasted 2 mins and 36 seconds and I found out that the party portal was not working for me.
9. Additionally, I had email correspondence with EC regarding issues with the portal:
 - 9.1 On 4 September at 12.07pm email to Service Desk [MS-2],
 - 9.2 On 4 September at 12.16pm email from Hayden [REDACTED] at EC [MS-3],
 - 9.3 On 5 September at 11.54am email to Benjamin Baker, Adam [REDACTED] James [REDACTED] and Dean Shirley regarding 'Access to Party Portal and Nominations needed Urgently!' [MS-4],

- 9.4 On 5 September at 4.58am email to Service Desk [MS-5],
- 9.5 On 5 September email correspondence with Adam [REDACTED] regarding 'Access to Party Portal and Nominations Sections' [MS-6],
- 9.6 From 5 to 6 September email correspondence with Adam [REDACTED] regarding 'Candidate nominations access and manual'. The menu dropdown did not have NZ Loyal as an option in the candidate nomination section [MS-7], and
- 9.7 On 6 September email correspondence with Johnathan Pot and Sarah Chautilal regarding 'User has no Email, password or organisation' [MS-8].
10. All party secretaries were given access to these portals on Monday 28 August 2023. I was not able to properly access the portal until or about 6 September 2023, which was 9 days after other party secretaries.
11. During the period of 5 to 8 September I uploaded the first batch of nomination forms, which were the 9 confirmed candidates.
12. During the period of 12 to 14 September I uploaded the second batch of nomination forms, which were the 28 candidates.
13. On 12 September 2023 Mr James [REDACTED] from EC emailed and informed me the deadline for submission of party list candidates and bulk nominations to the EC for the 2023 General Election was 12 noon on 14 September 2023 (the Deadline). I forwarded this email to Ms Gunn and Gerrie Quinn. [MS-9 Email correspondence with James [REDACTED]]
14. During the period of 13 to 14 September 2023, the bulk nomination forms were uploaded in the last 48 hours prior to the 12pm close off [MS-10 Bulk Nominations].
15. After I uploaded the nomination forms, the online portal produced schedules for me to sign.
16. On 14 September 2023 I declared at Waikanae in front of the Justice of Peace the Party List Declaration, which included the list of qualified candidates and to be elected a member of Parliament both in terms of the Act and any other enactment. [MS-11 Party List Declaration].

17. Following the Manual guidance in sub-paragraph 4.1 above, as the electorate candidates were also list candidates, I only entered their names in the electoral schedule and not the party list schedule.
18. Furthermore, following the Manual guidance in sub-paragraph 4.2 above, I submitted one PDF as the bulk nomination schedule.
19. I was confused by the Manual guidance on Page 9 of the Manual and entered the electoral candidates to the bulk nomination candidates in the second schedule, but not the number of their order of preference in the party list. There was no space on the form downloaded to indicate where the order of preference should be inserted. There were no notes, reminders or warnings on the form or in the nominations portal stating that the order of preference on the party list must be indicated for candidates within the bulk nomination form who were also party list candidates.
20. On 14 September 2023 I received an acceptance of nominations and party list letter from EC. The letter addressed the EC's acceptance of the bulk nomination schedule of electorate candidates and party list lodged for the 2023 General Election in accordance with ss 127 and 146G of the Act. Further, the letter acknowledged the payment made of a deposit of \$10,900 received on 14 September in accordance with ss 127A and 146F the Act. [MS-12 Signed Letter of Acceptance].
21. On 14 September 2023 at 2.04pm I emailed Benjamin Baker informing, "I would be inputting some candidates via the individual candidate nomination process as well with cut off time of midday tomorrow, Fri 15th." [MS-13 Email to Benjamin Baker]
22. On 14 September 2023 at 2.19pm I received an email from Benjamin Baker stating, "Parties using the bulk nomination system can't also do individual nominations. The bulk nominations system has closed." [MS-14 Email response from Benjamin Baker at 2.19pm].
23. On 14 September 2023 at 4.24pm I rang EC regarding withdrawing candidates and adding candidates to the party list. EC told me the Deadline was the cutoff. Further, even if somebody was to resign, we could not replace

them. I was told we could remove people, but we could not replace them. The call lasted 4 minutes and 47 seconds.

24. Further, on 14 September 2023 at 8.47pm I received an email from Benjamin Baker stating, "a candidate cannot simply be added at this stage". [MS-15 Email response from Benjamin Baker at 8.47pm].
25. On 15 September 2023 I rang EC again and asked if EC were able to add list numbers to our electorate candidates, which were left out inadvertently. I was informed that it was too late to accept party list numbers.
26. The party list with the electorate candidates included is at [MS-16]. This is the final version list that the EC refused to accept.
27. The EC failed to assist me in the process of submitting party list candidates and bulk nominations into the EC's online portal.

Signature of deponent: *M. Smith*

~~Sworn~~/Affirmed* at *Paraparaumu* this *4th* day of *October* 20*23*
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Before me: *Diane Mary Ammundsen*

(Justice of Peace / a solicitor of the High Court of New Zealand)

Diane Mary Ammundsen, JP
#16037
PARAPARAUMU
Justice of the Peace for New Zealand

Party Secretary Nominations Manual

General Election 2023

Pōti Nui 2023

This document is the document marked *MS-1* referred to in the
annexed affidavit of
affirmed at *Paraparaumu* this *4* day of *October*, before me:

Paraparaumu

2023
Diane Mary Amundsen, JP
#16037

[Signature]

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(signature and name and designation of person taking oath or
affirmation)



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Overview

This manual is for party secretaries of registered parties to provide step by step guidance for the process of nominating your candidates for the 2023 General Election.

Types of nomination

As the party secretary, you are responsible for the nomination of:

- candidates on your party's list
- electorate candidates standing on behalf of your party if you are using the bulk nomination process

Parties that use the bulk nomination process nominate all their electorate candidates on a schedule that is lodged with the Commission.

If a party secretary does not use the bulk nomination process, your electorate candidates must use the individual nomination process, where two electors registered in the electorate being contested nominate the candidate and the candidate is responsible for lodging the nomination paperwork.

What information do I need to nominate candidates?

The manual provides an overview of the information you need to collect from candidates, and steps you need to complete to nominate your candidates.

You need to be satisfied your selected candidates are eligible to stand at the election. To have their nomination accepted, a candidate must be:

- a New Zealand citizen
- enrolled to vote

It isn't a legal requirement that documentary proof of citizenship be provided by candidates. However, it is the Commission's policy to request that candidates born overseas provide proof of their citizenship status to ensure only eligible candidates are included on the ballot papers and party lists. Evidence of citizenship can be a copy of their New Zealand passport or New Zealand citizenship certificate. It doesn't have to be a certified copy. Where this evidence can't be provided we will have to ask the candidate to complete a form to allow us to verify citizenship with the Department of Internal Affairs.

We recommend you check your candidates are enrolled, using the printed rolls or roll data you can purchase from the Commission (email data@elections.govt.nz), or ask your candidates to confirm their enrolment details are up-to-date. Electors, other than anyone on the unpublished roll, can check their own enrolment details at vote.nz. Candidates on the unpublished roll will have recently received written confirmation of their enrolment details by post as part of the enrolment update campaign for the election. If a candidate needs to update their details, because they've recently moved, or because they are not enrolled, it is important this is done as soon as possible. More information about enrolling or updating enrolment details is available at vote.nz. You need to contact us urgently if any of your candidates need to enrol or update their details after writ day (10 September).

Candidates on the party list, or bulk nomination schedule, or both must also complete a consent to nomination form.

We recommend you start sending us the consent forms and citizenship evidence, if required, as soon as possible after nominations open on **28 August**, and by **Friday 8 September** at latest so that there is time to remedy any issues identified. Please send this information by upload via the Party Portal or by email to [REDACTED]

How do I compile my candidates nominations?

Generally, parties will use the online nominations system, which is a secure website that can only be accessed by authorised persons via the Party Portal to collate their party list and bulk nomination schedule. The system allows you to allocate a list number and electorate to each candidate entered into the system and generate the party list and bulk nomination schedule, which are then printed out and signed in front of a person authorised to witness a statutory declaration.

A party that is lodging a party list and using the individual nomination process for the nomination of electorate candidates will use a Word document, instead of the online system, to collate their party list. The party secretary of a component registered party will use a Word document, instead of the online system, to collate their bulk nomination schedule. We will send the Word templates, as needed, to parties that are not using the online system.

When can I access the online nomination system?

The system will be available from **9.00 am Monday 28 August to noon Thursday 14 September 2023**.

Prior to nominations opening the Commission's IT team will set up a username and password for each party secretary and administrator that needs to access the nominations system. Your username and password will be sent to you by email on **28 August**.

Please note that entering details into the online nominations system **does not** constitute lodgement of your bulk nomination schedule or party list, these will need to be lodged with the Commission by upload via the Party Portal, email, or in person.

Lodging your nominations

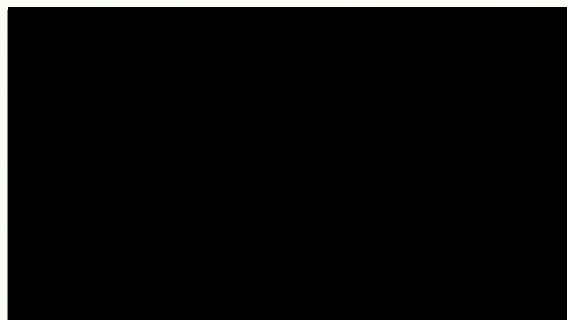
We advise that your bulk nomination schedule and party list should be lodged as soon as possible from **28 August** via the Party Portal, by email to [REDACTED] or in person at our offices in Wellington. However, they cannot be formally accepted until after writ day, 10 September.

Key contacts

If you have any questions about the content of this manual, the nominations process or lodging your nominations please email [REDACTED] or contact your designated team members for nominations. We'll let you know who your designated points of contact are before nominations open.

Legal and Policy Team

Kristina Temel	Manager Legal and Policy
Natalie McNaught	Principal Legal Advisor
Dean Shirley	Senior Legal Advisor
Benjamin Baker	Senior Advisor
Braedyn Freebairn	Legal Advisor
Ella Simmons	Legal Advisor
Zara Melville	Legal Advisor



If you have any problems accessing the online nomination system please contact:

Service Desk [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

The nominations process



Candidate selection

Parties have selection processes to decide who will represent them in an electorate contest and who will be on their party list
No need to be selected as an independent

Parties complete a notice of intention to bulk nominate form and their candidates complete a consent to nomination form
Party forms are in the Party Portal
Individual nomination form is in the Candidate Hub on elections.nz

Forms made available

Advert calling for nominations

The Commission places nationwide advertising before nominations open

Parties enter candidates into the nominations system via the Party Portal or use Word templates and can lodge nominations via the Portal, email or in person
Candidates using the individual process can lodge by email or in person by appointment

Nominations open



Writ day

Governor-General issues writ for the election
Nominations can be formally accepted from writ day

After the writ is issued the Commission must advertise nomination day, election day and the last day for the return of the writ

Second nominations advert

Lead up to nomination day

Data in nominations system and forms checked
Candidate and nominators eligibility checked
Deposits received
Bulk nomination schedules and party lists lodged and checked

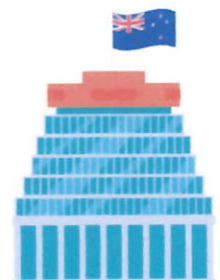
Deadline for parties to bulk nominate electorate candidates and lodge party lists

Noon day before nomination day

Nomination day

Noon:
Deadline for candidates to be nominated using the individual nomination process

After close of nominations:
Candidate and party names extracted from nominations system for production of ballot papers, party lists, EasyVote and vote.nz



Returns due

Refund of nomination deposits

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Important dates

Date	Activity
Early May	Nomination forms provided to parties and available in the Portal
Early June	Candidate Hub goes live
Mid August	Party secretaries and administrators provided with guidance on nominations processes, including the online nominations system
26 August	First public notice seeking nominations of candidates published
28 August	<p>Nominations open - parties using the online nominations system will be sent a user name and password to access the system by email on 28 August</p> <p>You can start entering your candidates into the online nominations system and lodge your nominations from this date</p> <p>We encourage you to lodge as soon as possible to ensure there is plenty of time to check your candidate nominations and remedy any issues before the deadline</p>
8 September	<p>Dissolution of Parliament and last day to register parties and logos</p> <p>Aim to have completed your party list and bulk nomination schedule and send us your candidate consent forms and citizenship evidence - if you haven't completed this step by 8 September there may be limited time to check your nominations before the deadline</p>
10 September	Writ day is when the Governor-General issues formal direction to the Electoral Commission to hold the election
11 September	<p>Deadline to lodge intention to bulk nominate</p> <p>Second public notice about nominations published</p>
Noon 14 September	Deadline for registered political parties to bulk nominate their electorate candidates and submit their party lists
Noon 15 September	<p>Nomination day is the deadline for lodging individual candidate nominations</p> <p>Production of ballot papers and party lists begins as soon as possible after noon once all candidate nominations are finalised</p>
16 September	2pm target for names of all electorate and list candidates released by the Commission on vote.nz

Before you begin

- Lodge your Notice of Intention to Lodge Bulk Nomination, by 11 September 2023 at latest

Candidate checklist

- Make sure all candidates have completed and returned to you their Candidate Consent to Nomination Form
- Candidates names not more than 30 characters and clear how any macrons or lowercase will appear on the ballot paper Mc, Van, de etc (step 1 of the consent form)
- All electorate candidates have consented to contest the electorate they have been selected to stand in by entering the party name and the electorate on the consent form (step 2 of the consent form)
- All candidates on the party list have consented to be on the list by entering the party name on the consent form (step 3 of the consent form)
- Check the forms are legible, signed and complete with up to date contact details
- All candidates are born in New Zealand or have supplied proof of New Zealand citizenship if born overseas (copy passport or citizenship certificate for candidates born overseas)
- All candidates are registered as electors and there is no reason why any candidate is not eligible to stand for Parliament (see [section 80](#) of the Electoral Act 1993 for who isn't eligible to enrol)

Collating your party list - checklist

- You have allocated a list ranking to each list candidate
- The list rankings are consecutive, 1,2,3 etc with no gaps or double ups
- You have entered the residential address (or 'UNPUBLISHED' for any candidates who are on the unpublished roll) and a contact phone number for each candidate on the party list

Collating your bulk nomination schedule - checklist

- You have allocated the correct electorate to each electorate candidate
- You have no double ups of two candidates standing for the same electorate
- You have entered the candidate's full name as provided on the consent form (step 4) onto the bulk nomination schedule

Organise the nomination deposit and witnessing of declarations

- Organise payment, as applicable, of the \$1,000 deposit for the party list and \$300 for each electorate candidate you include on the bulk nomination schedule
- Organise who will witness the statutory declaration on your party list and/or bulk nomination schedule

Accessing the Online Nominations System

Accessing the system

Step 1. Log into the Party Portal

Click on the login button on the ribbon at the bottom of the elections.nz website.



Please refer to the Party Portal login instructions for more information about setting up multi-factor authentication to access the Portal.

Contact the Service Desk (see contact details on page 3 of this manual) if you need help logging into the Portal.

Step 2. Click on **NOMINATIONS OPEN** link on the homepage of the Party Portal

Nominations System Login



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You will then be directed to the login page to access the online nominations system.

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Logging in

This is your login screen. Enter your username and password sent to you by email and click **Login**.

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Username

Password

Login

This is a secure login page for party secretaries and their authorised personnel only.

If you need help to login, please contact Service Desk on [redacted] or email [redacted]

When you first log in you will be prompted to change your password to one that you choose.

Your chosen password must follow general password guidelines:

- Must be at least 8 characters in length
- Must contain at least 3 of the following
 - Uppercase letter
 - Lowercase letter
 - Numeral
 - Special character

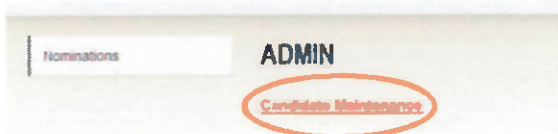
Keep the new password safe. Do not share your password. If written down, keep in a secure location. If you forget your username or password please contact the Service Desk.

For security reasons, if you enter the wrong password three times in a row, your account will be locked. Please contact the Service Desk if this occurs so that we can arrange for your account to be unlocked.

Entering Candidates

Adding a new candidate

Step 1. Click on **Candidate Maintenance** from your home screen



Step 2. Click **Add** on the right-hand side of the screen



Step 3. Enter in the candidate's details

For a candidate contesting both an electorate and the party list you only need to enter their details once. Make sure that you select the electorate they are contesting **and** enter their list number.

Note: The system will notify you if you add two candidates for the same electorate or same list preference

If the candidate is **Electorate Only**

- Remember to select the electorate they are contesting
- Leave the 'list number' field blank

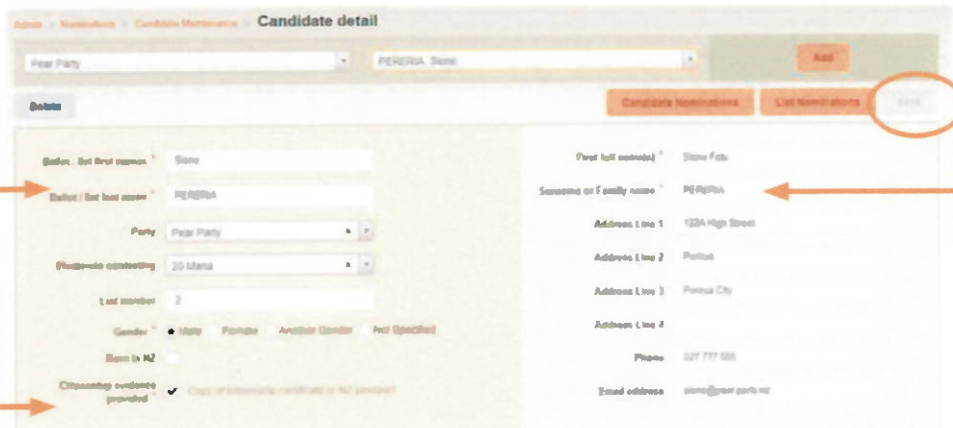
Note: Electorate only candidates will only be included in the bulk nomination schedule and not in the party list

If the candidate is **List Only**

- Leave the 'electorate contesting' field blank
- Remember to enter a list number

Note: List only candidates will only be included in the party list and not in the bulk nomination schedule

Step 4. Review the candidate details entered and click **Save** after you enter each candidate



The screenshot shows the 'Candidate detail' form with the following fields and callouts:

- Party:** Pear Party
- Electorate contesting:** 20 Mana
- List number:** 3
- Gender:** Male
- Born in NZ:** No
- Citizenship evidence provided:** Yes (checked)
- First full name(s):** Simon Fels
- Surname or Family name:** PEREIRA
- Address Line 1:** 123A High Street
- Address Line 2:** Petrol
- Address Line 3:** Petrol City
- Address Line 4:**
- Phone:** 027 777 666
- Email address:** simon@pear.party.nz

Callouts:

- Left callout: Last name must be capitalised (unless a mix of upper and lower case e.g. Mc, Mac)
- Right callout: Last name must be capitalised (unless a mix of upper and lower case e.g. Mc, Mac)
- Bottom-left callout: Citizenship evidence only needs to be provided where the candidate is born overseas

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Amending a candidate's details

Step 1. In Candidate Maintenance, use the dropdown box on the right to select the candidate. Their details will appear below.



The screenshot shows the 'Candidate detail' page. At the top, there is a breadcrumb trail: 'Admin > Nominations > Candidate Maintenance > Candidate detail'. Below this, there are two dropdown menus: 'Pear Party' and 'PEREIRA, Stone'. To the right of the second dropdown is an 'Add' button. Below the dropdowns, there is a 'Delete' button on the left and a 'Save' button on the right. A dropdown menu is open, showing 'PEREIRA, Stone' as the selected option, which is circled in orange. Other options in the dropdown are partially visible.

Step 2. Make the required changes to the candidate's details and click Save



The screenshot shows the 'Candidate detail' page after a successful update. The dropdown menus now show 'Pear Party' and 'PEREIRA, Stone'. The 'Add' button is still present. Below the dropdowns, there is a 'Delete' button on the left and a 'Save' button on the right. A blue message box is displayed in the center, containing the text 'Your changes have been saved successfully.', which is circled in orange. To the right of the message box are buttons for 'Candidate Nominations', 'List Nominations', and 'Save'.

Note: a blue box should appear that says **Your changes have been saved successfully**

Deleting a candidate

Step 1. In Candidate Maintenance, use the dropdown box on the right to select the candidate



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Step 2. Click **Delete** on the top left of the page, above the candidate's details



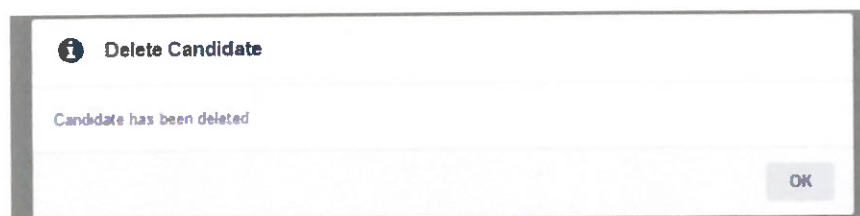
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Step 3. A dialogue box should appear asking you to confirm that you want to delete the candidate. Click **OK** or **Cancel**.



The screenshot shows a confirmation dialog box with the title 'Please confirm'. The text inside the dialog reads: 'Are you sure you want to delete the candidate Stone PEREIRA?'. At the bottom right of the dialog, there are two buttons: 'Cancel' and 'OK'.

Step 4. A confirmation dialogue box will appear



The screenshot shows a confirmation dialog box with the title 'Delete Candidate'. The text inside the dialog reads: 'Candidate has been deleted'. At the bottom right of the dialog, there is an 'OK' button.

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Producing and printing the Bulk Nomination Schedule

Checksum

Above the bulk nomination schedule and the party list is a series of upper and lower case letters called the "checksum". The checksum shown on the bulk nomination schedule will be different to the checksum shown on the party list.

The checksum is used to ensure that the candidate details that appear on the printed versions of the bulk nomination schedule and party list are exactly the same as what has been entered into the nominations system. Any changes made to candidate details, no matter how small, will change the checksum.

Make sure your final printed bulk nomination schedule and party list match the checksums in the online system. We recommend you reprint the form if the checksum has changed. If the checksums do not match, the Commission will work with you to identify and correct the discrepancy (time permitting).

Producing the Bulk Nomination Schedule

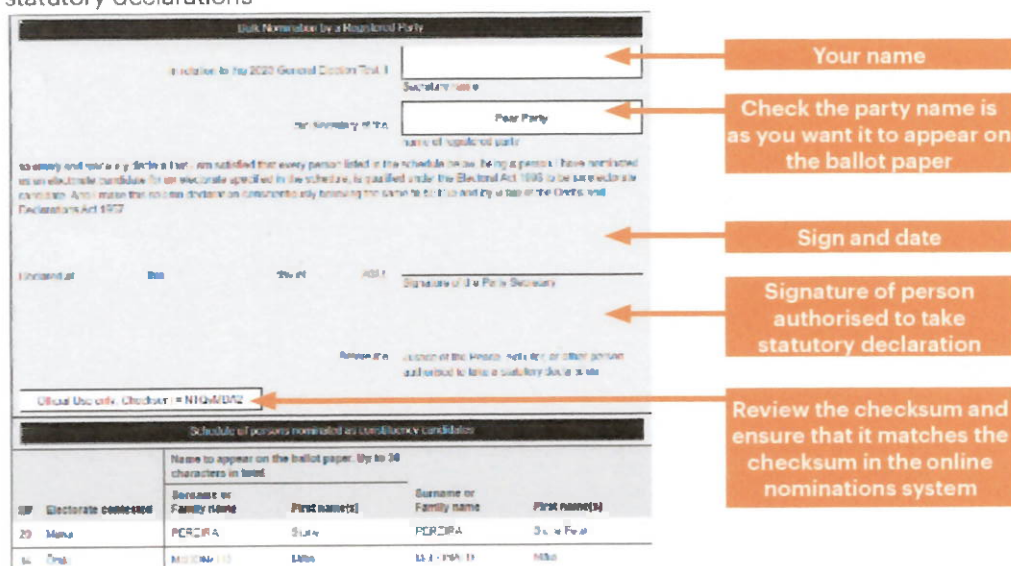
Step 1. In Candidate Maintenance, click the **Candidate Nominations** button



Step 2. Review the candidate entries. Please check that:

- All electorate candidates have been entered
- All electorate candidate details are correct and match what each candidate has specified on their consent to nomination form
- Each electorate being contested has no more than one candidate entered

Step 3. Print the declaration, fill in the remaining details and sign it before a person authorised to take statutory declarations



Official Use only, Checksum = NTQMDF2

SP	Electorate contested	Name to appear on the ballot paper. Up to 20 characters in total			
		Surname or Family name	First name(s)	Surname or Family name	First name(s)
20	Mans	PERCIRA	Shay	PERCIRA	Shay Fayal
14	Trab	MILKMAN	Wah	MILKMAN	Mina

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Producing and printing the Party List

Producing the Party List

Step 1. In Candidate Nominations, click **List Nominations**



Step 2. Review the candidate entries. Please check that:

- All list candidates have been entered
- All list candidate details are correct and match what each candidate has specified on their consent to nomination form
- The list candidates are in the correct order
- There are no duplicates in the list number preferences allocated

Step 3. Print the declaration, fill in the remaining details, check any component parties are correctly listed and sign it before a person authorised to take statutory declarations

Party List Declaration

To the Electoral Commission

I, _____ the party secretary of the near party political party, registered under Part 4 of the Electoral Act 1993 (the Act), solemnly and sincerely declare that:

- each of the persons named in the list of candidates in the Annex to this form is entitled by the provisions of section 127 of the Act to be qualified to be a candidate and to be elected a member of Parliament both in terms of the Electoral Act 1993 and any other enactment; and
- the party has no component parties.

And I make the solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true and by virtue of the Oaths and Declarations Act 1987.

Signature of the Party Secretary

Declared at _____ this _____ day of _____ 2023.

Judge of the Peace / Solicitor / (or other person authorised to take a statutory declaration)
(delete one)

I enclose herewith list copies of the assents of all candidates to the inclusion of their names in this list.

ANNEX
LIST NAMES OF CANDIDATES FOR
2023 GENERAL ELECTION TEST
Near Party

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List the candidates' names, addresses and telephone numbers in order of the party's preference, commencing with the top in order of preference.

Order of Preference	Surname or Family name	First name(s)	Address	Telephone Number
1	McDONALD	Mico	12 Orchard Way, Otaki	021 111 2222
2	PEREIRA	Steve	1234 High Street, Porirua	0277776666

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Lodging the Bulk Nomination Schedule and Party List

Before you lodge — checklist

- Check the field "Name of Registered Party" to make sure this is how you want your party name to appear on the ballot paper. If not, please advise us as only the Electoral Commission can change this.
Note: A registered party may only have their registered name or registered abbreviation on the ballot paper.
- Print the bulk nomination schedule and/or party list once all candidates are entered.
- Check that the checksum in the online nominations system matches the version you have printed.
- Sign the final version of the bulk nomination schedule and/or party list before a person authorised to take statutory declarations who needs to witness them.
- Double check you have calculated the deposit amount correctly - \$300 deposit for each electorate candidate and/or \$1,000 deposit for the party list. The deposit can be paid as one transaction.
 - Please include the party name as the reference:
Electoral Commission Trust Account
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 - Take a screenshot of your online transaction confirmation or get a receipt from your bank as evidence of the time and date of the transaction
- Check that the consent to nomination form for each candidate has been signed, clearly shows the name they want on the ballot paper or party list and gives their consent to be bulk nominated for the correct electorate, to be on the party list, or both.
- Check that you have proof of citizenship for all candidates born outside of New Zealand.

Lodging your bulk nomination schedule and/or party list — what documents need to be lodged checklist

Lodging in person

- Printed bulk nomination schedule and/or party list including statutory declaration(s) signed by the party secretary and witnessed by a person authorised to witness statutory declarations.
- Printed consent to nomination forms for all candidates to be included in the bulk nomination schedule and/or the party list.
- Proof of citizenship of all candidates born outside of New Zealand.
- Evidence of time and date deposit paid by online banking.

Lodging by electronic upload

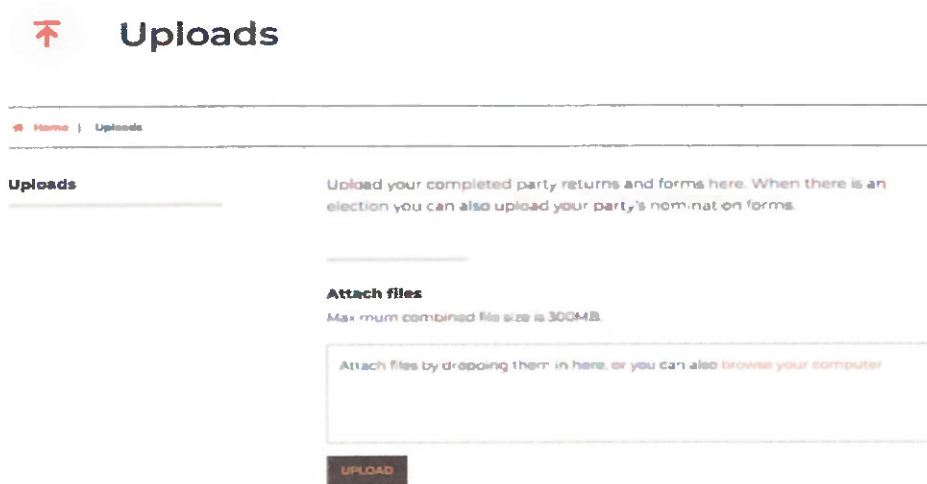
- Scanned and saved copies of the same documents listed above.
- Upload via the Party Portal — see next page for instructions — or email to [REDACTED]

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Using the Party Portal to lodge your documents

You can upload your nomination documents via the Party Portal.

Step 1. Go to the upload page in the Portal.



Step 2. Drag and drop your nomination documents into the upload box. You can upload one or more files of up to 300MB at a time. If your nomination files are larger you can do more than one upload. You don't need to add any message with the upload, but it helps if you include your party name in the file names you upload.

Documents to be uploaded:

- Candidate consent to nomination forms - you can upload individually or as one pdf - we only need the front page of each form
- Citizenship evidence for candidates born overseas
- Your signed bulk nomination schedule
- Your signed party list
- Proof of payment of the deposit by bank transfer

Step 3. Click **UPLOAD** when you are ready to upload the documents. We are sent an email whenever you upload any documents via the Portal. We will be in touch to confirm receipt of any nomination documents.

Troubleshooting

Question	Answer
What do I do if I can't access the online nomination system?	Contact our Service Desk - [REDACTED]
Can someone else help me compile my nominations?	Yes, please email [REDACTED] to arrange access to the Party Portal and the online system if you want someone else to help you enter candidate information into the system.
When should I send you the candidate consent forms?	Send them to us as soon as possible after 28 August. The sooner we have them the more time we have to help check they are completed correctly. Even if you are waiting on a couple of forms, you can send through the ones you have received, and send the remainder separately.
Can a candidate have a macron on their name on the ballot paper or party list?	Yes
Do candidates need to use their full legal name on the ballot paper?	No, they don't need to include middle names and can use the name they are known by. For example, a candidate whose first name is William can have Bill as their first name on the ballot paper if that is the name they have commonly been known by for at least 12 months.
I've got a candidate with a long name and I'm not sure it is going to be allowed on the ballot paper, what do I do?	Contact the Legal & Policy team and we can check if it will fit on the ballot paper.
What do I do if a candidate needs to amend their consent form?	Get the candidate to complete a new consent form, or get them to initial the amendment on the form they filled out. Send us a copy of the new or updated form and update the information you have entered in the online system or the Word template you are using to compile the bulk nomination schedule or party list.
What should I do if one of my candidates isn't enrolled?	Get them to enrol or update their details as soon as possible online at vote.nz . If a candidate needs to enrol or update their details after writ day (10 September) contact the Legal & Policy team as soon as possible as we need to make sure their application is processed before the close of nominations.

Do I need to include the address of a candidate who is on the unpublished roll?	No, we tell candidates who are on the unpublished roll not to include their residential address on their consent to nomination form. If you are using the online system just enter 'UNPUBLISHED' for the first line of the address field. Or, they can include an alternative address where they can be contacted i.e. your party headquarters.
What do I do if one of my candidates was born overseas but hasn't got a current NZ passport?	They can provide a copy of their expired NZ passport. Alternatively, they can provide a copy of their citizenship certificate. If they can't provide either we'll need them to fill out a form to allow us to check their citizenship with the Department of Internal Affairs.
Can I rearrange my party list ranking after I've entered my candidates into the nominations system?	Yes, you can reorder the list up to the point you lodge your list with the Commission.
Can I withdraw a candidate from an electorate or my party list?	<p>You can remove an electorate candidate or a candidate on the party list prior to lodging your nominations by simply removing their name from the bulk nomination schedule and/or party list.</p> <p>If you have already entered their details into the online system you will need to delete that candidate's record.</p> <p>You need to contact the Commission if you want to withdraw a candidate after you have lodged your nominations, but before noon on Friday 15 September. We can provide you with the forms you need to complete to do this.</p> <p>You can't withdraw candidates from the party list or the ballot paper after noon on Friday 15 September.</p>
What should I do if one of my candidates becomes seriously ill?	Contact us as soon as possible. The rules around what happens if a candidate becomes seriously incapacitated or dies are complex. We can advise you on next steps.
Why do you collect gender information for candidates?	This is collected for statistical purposes only. It is optional for candidates to provide this information.
What candidate information will be made publicly available?	<p>After the close of nominations we publish the names of electorate and list candidates on vote.nz. This information is also included in the EasyVote pack sent to registered electors. We don't publish any other candidate information.</p> <p>Bulk nomination schedules, party lists and consent to nomination forms can be inspected at the Commission's offices in Wellington.</p> <p>We may release candidate telephone numbers and emails after the close of nominations on request from media or anyone else for the purposes of their candidacy unless you advise otherwise.</p>

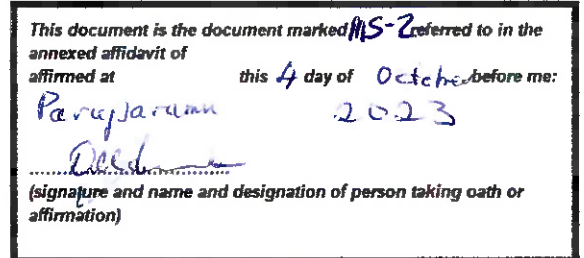
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Date: On Monday, September 4th, 2023 at 12:07 PM
Subject: Request RITM002804531 has been received | Log a request for services not listed
To: Michele.Smith@nzloyal.org.nz <Michele.Smith@nzloyal.org.nz>

Hi Michele,

Your request has been logged with the Service Desk.

Request: REQ002640581
Approval status: Approved
Location:
Summary: Log a request for services not listed
Thank you.



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From: Servicedesk Team [REDACTED]
Date: On Monday, September 4th, 2023 at 12:16 PM
Subject: SCTASK002973781 -EC - User has no Email, password or organization
To: 'EC service desk' [REDACTED]
CC: Michele.Smith@nzloyal.org.nz <Michele.Smith@nzloyal.org.nz>

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Kia ora EC Internal,

Michele has called in advising no access too Nominations along with no Password/Username for EC.

I've remoted onto and attempted the following troubleshooting steps:

- Checked Myapplications.microsoft.com and only has Electoral commission has organization, should have an NZ Loyal
- Requires password for NZ Loyal which has not been provided.

If possible, could you please assist Michele?

User's Contact Information: +64 [REDACTED]

@Michele we'll be closing our CCL ticket SCTASK002973781 if you require any updates please 'Reply All' to this email.

Kind Regards,

Hayden [REDACTED]



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From: michele.smith@nzloyal.org.nz <michele.smith@nzloyal.org.nz>

Date: On Tuesday, September 5th, 2023 at 11:54 AM

Subject: Access to Party Portal and Nominations Section needed Urgently!

To: benjamin.baker@elections.govt.nz <benjamin.baker@elections.govt.nz>,
[REDACTED] James [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Dean Shirley [REDACTED]

Kia ora, can you please tell me why I have still not been given access to the NZ Loyal party portal or candidate nominations portal? It is now over a week since I should have been given access and it is ridiculous to have this sort of delay at any stage, but particularly at such a pivotal point.

It is due to an error by your people not setting this up properly in the first place that I am still waiting on a username and password and have been told by the Helpdesk that I will not even receive these until at least tomorrow or the next day (6 or 7 Sept). That would mean we won't receive access until up to TEN days after everyone else received their access, and we would only have a very brief window to upload and input all candidate nominations!

Regards,
Michele

Michele Smith | Party Secretary | New Zealand Loyal
P O Box 38, Walkanae 5036 | [REDACTED]



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Date: On Tuesday, September 5th, 2023 at 4:58 AM
Subject: Request RITM002804531 has been closed | EC - User has no Email or password or organization
To: Michele.Smith@nzloyal.org.nz <Michele.Smith@nzloyal.org.nz>

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Hi Michele,

We're pleased to let you know that your request has been completed.

Request: REQ002640581
Requested item number: RITM002804531
Status: Closed Complete
Summary: EC - User has no Email or password or organization
Notes: Michele called in this morning, asking why no Username or password has been provided since starting.
Location:

Please refer to the notes for updates.

We'd love to hear about your recent experience with our CCL Service Desk. Please take a few minutes to help us out and we'll make sure we do our best by you. Ready to get started? Click [HYPERLINK "https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CCLServiceDesk"](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CCLServiceDesk) \t "blank" here.

Thanks for being with CCL.
Thank you.

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From: Adam [REDACTED]
Date: On Tuesday, September 5th, 2023 at 2:57 PM
Subject: RE: Access to Party Portal and Nominations Section
To: Michele Smith <michele.smith@nzloyal.org.nz>, Benjamin Baker <benjamin.baker@elections.govt.nz>, James [REDACTED]

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Kia ora Michele,

Yes, we can also get Alina access to the Party Portal. Unfortunately, only a single username for each party can access the nomination system so only you will be able to access the nomination system.

Adam

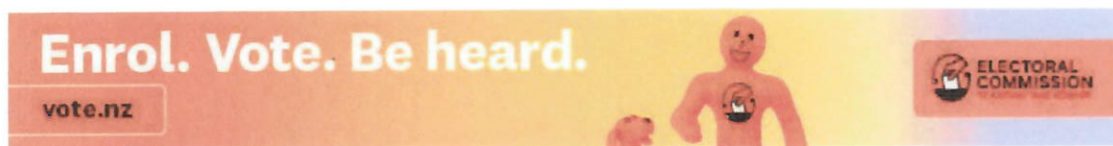
Adam [REDACTED]

Advisor, Legal & Policy

Electoral Commission - Te Kaitiaki Take Kōwhiri

Level 10, 34-42 Manners Street, Wellington

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From: michele.smith@nzloyal.org.nz <michele.smith@nzloyal.org.nz>

Sent: Tuesday, September 5, 2023 2:53 PM

To: Benjamin Baker <benjamin.baker@elections.govt.nz>; Adam [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]; James [REDACTED]

Subject: Access to Party Portal and Nominations Section

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Kia ora, when we do get access to our party portal/nominations section can you please also add this person as an administrator ASAP:

Alina [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Nga mihi,

Michele

Michele Smith | Party Secretary | New Zealand Loyal
P O Box 38, Waikanae 5036 | [REDACTED]



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From: Adam [REDACTED]
Date: On Wednesday, September 6th, 2023 at 11:07 AM
Subject: RE: Candidate nominations access and manual
To: L & P Enquiries [REDACTED], Michele Smith <michele.smith@nzloyal.org.nz>
CC: Benjamin Baker <benjamin.baker@elections.govt.nz>, James [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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Hi Michele,

We've just checked with IT and Alina should have received an email yesterday giving her instructions about accessing the portal.

Let us know if there is anything else.

Adam

Adam [REDACTED]

Advisor, Legal & Policy

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From: L & P Enquiries <legal@Elections.govt.nz>
Sent: Wednesday, September 6, 2023 10:38 AM
To: Michele Smith <michele.smith@nzloyal.org.nz>
Cc: Benjamin Baker <benjamin.baker@elections.govt.nz>; Adam [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] James [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Candidate nominations access and manual

Thanks Michele. I have spoken to our IT team and the problem should be resolved now – New Zealand Loyal should show up as an option on the drop-down menu.

We are in the process of getting Alina access to the Party Portal. I will let you know when she'll be able to log in.

Ngā mihi

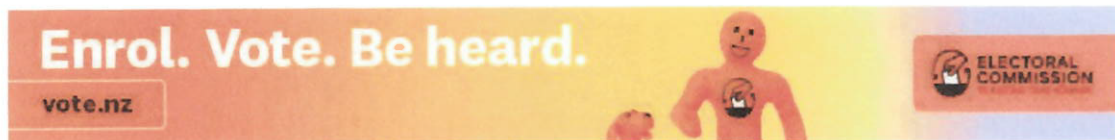
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Braedyn Freebairn ([he/him](#)) | Advisor Legal

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From: michele.smith@nzloyal.org.nz <michele.smith@nzloyal.org.nz>
Sent: Wednesday, September 6, 2023 9:57 AM
To: L & P Enquiries [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: Candidate nominations access and manual

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Kia ora Braedyn, I am very grateful to have finally received access to the login details, however it will not show me the NZ Loyal party as an option on the click-down menus in the candidate nominates section. Can this please be fixed asap?

I do still require Alina [REDACTED] to have access to the Party Portal.

Nga mihi,

Michele

Michele Smith | Party Secretary | New Zealand Loyal
P O Box 38, Waikanae 5036 | [REDACTED]



----- Original Message -----

On Tuesday, September 5th, 2023 at 3:47 PM, L & P Enquiries [REDACTED] wrote:

Kia ora Michele,

The Party Secretary Nominations Manual – General Election 2023 ('the manual') is attached.

The manual will step you through the process of accessing the online nomination system, these steps can be found on page 7.

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- Your user name and password for the online nomination system (EMS) which you will use to enter your candidate nominations is:

User name: michele.smith@nzloyal.org.nz

Password: [REDACTED]

You will be asked to change your password the first time you log in.

!!! If you cannot access the online nomination system please respond to this email as soon as possible, alternatively contact your Legal and Policy team support staff, we have copied them to this email.

We have IT specialists on stand-by that we can raise to assist you. !!!

For any problems accessing the online nomination system after your initial log in, please follow advice on page 3 of the manual and call our service desk on [REDACTED] or email [REDACTED]

We note that you have requested Party Portal access for Alina Reed. Is this something that you still require?

Ngā mihi

Braedyn

Braedyn Freebairn ([he/him](#)) | Advisor Legal

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From: michele.smith@nzloyal.org.nz <michele.smith@nzloyal.org.nz>

Date: On Wednesday, September 6th, 2023 at 11:25 AM

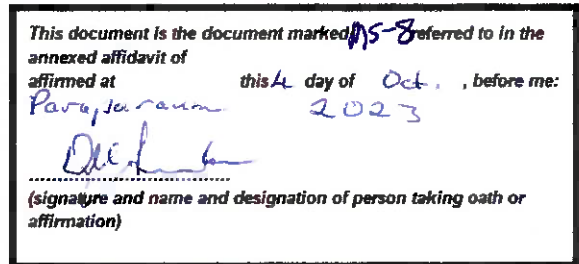
Subject: Re: [#54897] SCTASK002973781 -EC - User has no Email, password or organization

To: Service Desk [REDACTED]

Thank you Sarah!

Michele Smith | Party Secretary | New Zealand Loyal

P O Box 38, Waikanae 5036 | [REDACTED]



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On Wednesday, September 6th, 2023 at 11:08 AM, Sarah Chautilal (Service Desk)

[REDACTED] wrote:

- Please type your reply above this line -

Kia ora Michele.Smith@nzloyal.org.nz,

Your request [#54897](#) has been updated.

To view the status of your request or to add additional comments, click here:

<https://support.elections.nz/hc/requests/54897>

You can also reply to this email to update the conversation.

Ngā mihi,
Service Desk
Electoral Commission



Sarah Chautilal (Electoral Commission)

6 Sept 2023, 11:08 NZST

Hi Michele

The party option should now be displayed in the Noms system. If you have any further issues let me know.

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Thanks
Sarah

Sarah Chautifal
Electoral Commission | Te Kaitiaki Take Kōwhiri
PO Box 3220 | Level 3, 34-42 Manners Street, Wellington



Michele.Smith@nzloyal.org.nz

6 Sept 2023, 09:54 NZST

Kia ora Jonathan, yes I have finally received my login details late yesterday afternoon, however it will not show me the NZ Loyal party as an option on the click-down menus in the candidate nominates section.

Regards,
Michele

Michele Smith | Party Secretary | New Zealand Loyal
P O Box 38, Waikanae 5036 | [REDACTED]



----- Original Message -----

On Wednesday, September 6th, 2023 at 9:26 AM, Jonathan Pot (Service Desk)

[REDACTED] wrote:



Jonathan Pot (Electoral Commission)

6 Sept 2023, 09:25 NZST

Hi Michelle,

My colleagues from the legal team should have sent you the credentials yesterday evening.

Could you please confirm that you have received them?

Cheers,

Jonathan Pot
Electoral Commission | Te Kaitiaki Take Kōwhiri
PO Box 3220 | Level 3, 34-42 Manners Street, Wellington



Servicedesk Team

4 Sept 2023, 12:16 NZST

Kia ora EC Internal,

Michele has called in advising no access too Nominations along with no Password/Username for EC.

I've remoted onto and attempted the following troubleshooting steps:

- Checked Myapplications.microsoft.com and only has Electoral commission has organization, should have an NZ Loyal
- Requires password for NZ Loyal which has not been provided.

If possible, could you please assist Michele?

User's Contact Information: +64 [REDACTED]

@Michele we'll be closing our CCL ticketSCTASK002973781 if you require any updates please 'Reply All' to this email.

Kind Regards,
Hayden [REDACTED]



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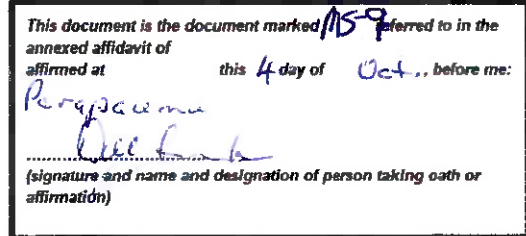
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From: James [REDACTED]
Date: On Wednesday, September 13th, 2023 at 11:15 AM
Subject: RE: URGENT: Status of Bulk nominations ahead of THURSDAY cut off
To: Michele Smith <michele.smith@nzloyal.org.nz>
CC: Adam [REDACTED], Benjamin Baker
<benjamin.baker@elections.govt.nz>

Kia Ora Michelle,



As per my previous email, my colleagues and I have gone through your 15 consent forms and have identified a few issues that need to be fixed up. The issues are as follows:

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- **Fred Roberts** has not consented to contest an electorate for NZLOYAL on his consent form. Can you please ask him to amend his form to indicate which electorate he is standing in and that he consents to stand for NZLOYAL in said electorate. Can you also please update Fred's name in the official results section of EMS to read **Frederick Roberts** as per his consent form. You might also want to let Fred know that he has indicated on his consent form that he is enrolled in Taieri, however the electoral roll indicates that he is enrolled in the electorate of Dunedin. This isn't an issue, but you might just want to let him know so he doesn't get a surprise when he goes to vote!
- The address that **Peter Vaughan** has put on his consent form does not match his enrolment information on the electoral roll. This does not prohibit him from standing or necessitate resubmitting of forms, however we would recommend he investigate updating his details on the electoral roll as this will avert the risk of him transitioning to the dormant roll. This can be done at [Enrol or update online | Vote NZ](#) As we have now passed writ day Peter will need to cast a special vote if he update his details, however this can be done from any polling station.
- Please update **Steve Oliver's** name in the official results section of EMS to read **Stephen Thomas Oliver** as per his consent form
- **Logan Evans** has indicated on his consent form that he is enrolled in Selwyn; however, the electoral roll indicates that he is enrolled in the electorate of West Coast-Tasman. This isn't an issue, but you might just want to let him know so he doesn't get a surprise when he goes to vote!
- **Ray Bailey** has indicated on his consent form that he is enrolled in Waitaki; however, the electoral roll indicates that he is enrolled in the electorate of Rangitata. This isn't an issue, but you might just want to let him know so he doesn't get a surprise when he goes to vote!
- We still need a candidate consent form for candidate **Chris Newman**

Once you have made these changes and we have confirmed them on our end you should be ready to do an extract of your bulk nomination schedule and get it witnessed by a JP.

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Once again please do not hesitate to reach out by email or phone if you have any questions or need any assistance.

Nga Mihi

James [REDACTED] (He/Him) | Policy/Legal Advisor | Electoral Commission | Te Kaitiaki
Take Kōwhiri | DDI: +64 [REDACTED]
PO Box 3220 | Level 4, 34-42 Manners Street | Wellington 6140 | vote.nz | elections.nz



From: James [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, September 13, 2023 10:24 AM
To: 'michele.smith@nzloyal.org.nz' <michele.smith@nzloyal.org.nz>
Cc: Adam [REDACTED]; Benjamin Baker
<Benjamin.Baker@elections.govt.nz>
Subject: RE: URGENT: Status of Bulk nominations ahead of THURSDAY cut off

Kia Ora Michelle,

Thank you for uploading some more consent forms and entering candidates into EMS. As things currently stand we have 16 NZLOYAL candidates entered into EMS and 15 consent forms. We still need a consent form from Chris Newman.

Is this the total number of candidates you are intending to stand, or should we be on the lookout for one or two more to match the candidates listed on your website?

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As mentioned yesterday, ideally, we need to have resolved any and all issues, and received JP witnessed copies of the bulk nomination schedule and party list, preferably by end of day today) so that we can check these before the legal cut-off of noon on Thursday 14/09/2023. We also need to receive proof of payment of your deposit, again preferably by end of day today.

I am going through and checking your new consent forms as a matter of urgency and will flag any issues I discover with you ASAP. Please advise by phone or email whether you have uploaded all your candidates into EMS, and if we can get Chris Newman's consent form in the next few hours that'd be appreciated.

I am reachable either by reply to this email or at +64 [REDACTED]

Nga Mihi

James [REDACTED] (He/Him) | Policy/Legal Advisor | Electoral Commission | Te Kaitiaki Take Kōwhiri | DDI: +64 [REDACTED]
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From: James [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, September 12, 2023 11:11 AM
To: michele.smith@nzloyal.org.nz
Cc: Adam [REDACTED]; Benjamin Baker
<Benjamin.Baker@elections.govt.nz>
Subject: URGENT: Status of Bulk nominations ahead of THURSDAY cut off
Importance: High

Kia Ora Michele

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As I'm sure you'll be aware, we are approaching the final cut off date for bulk nominations of electorate candidates and submission of party lists.

This means that we need to have resolved any and all issues, and received JP witnessed copies of the bulk nomination schedule and party list, preferably by end of day tomorrow (Wednesday) so that we can check these before the legal cut-off of noon on **Thursday 14/09/2023**.

As things currently stand, we have 9 NZLOYAL candidates entered into EMS. I note that you have provided consent forms for all of these and updated the consent forms I flagged issues with last week, thank you for doing that so promptly! There are no issues with any of the paperwork you have submitted as it currently stands; however, you may want to inform candidates **Steve Oliver** and **Logan Evans** that the address they have put on their forms does not match their enrolment information on the electoral roll. This does not prohibit them from standing or necessitate resubmitting of forms, however we would recommend they look into updating their details on the electoral roll as this will avert the risk of them transitioning to the dormant roll. This can be done at [Enrol or update online | Vote NZ](#) As we have now passed writ day these candidates will need to cast a special vote if they update their details, however this can be done from any polling station.

Finally, and most importantly I notice that as of the morning of 12/9/23 there are 17 candidates listed on the NZLOYAL website. Can you please confirm whether all of these candidates are running, and when you're expecting to upload their consent forms and update EMS. I would encourage you to upload the candidate's information as quickly as possible, as we only really have today and tomorrow available to flag any errors and for you to make any corrections needed.

I am looking forward to hearing from you, and please reach out if you have any issues so we can resolve them promptly so that you can get your nominations finalised by noon on **Thursday 14/09/2023**.

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Bulk Nomination by a Registered Party

In relation to the 2023 General Election, I

Secretary name

New Zealand Loyal

name of registered party

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solemnly and sincerely declare that I am satisfied that every person listed in the schedule below, being a person I have nominated as an electorate candidate for an electorate specified in the schedule, is qualified under the Electoral Act 1993 to be an electorate candidate. And I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true and by virtue of the Oaths and Declarations Act 1957.

Declared at

this

day of

2023.

Signature of the Party Secretary

Before me

Justice of the Peace, Solicitor, or other person authorised to take a statutory declaration

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Schedule of persons nominated as constituency candidates

Diane Mary Amundsen, JP
#16087
PARAPARAUMU
Justice of the Peace for New Zealand

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Diane Mary Amundsen
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Just one change needed

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E#	Electorate contested	Name to appear on the ballot paper. Up to 30 characters in total.			Surname or Family name	First name(s)
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4	Botany	ARMSTRONG	John	ARMSTRONG	John	
7	Coromandel	COBB	Ray	COBB	Raymond Lawrence	
8	Dunedin	LAWTON	Steve	LAWTON	Stephen John	
10	East Coast Bays	DYET	Bill	DYET	William Richard	
11	Epsom	ROTHERAY	Anna	ROTHERAY	Audrey Margaret	
12	Hamilton East	BAN	Tanya	BAN	Tanya Joan	
14	Hutt South	BLAKE	Jordan	BLAKE	Jordan	
16	Invercargill	KOWALEWSKI	David	KOWALEWSKI	David John	
17	Kaikōura	COLELLO	Natalie	COLELLO	Natalie Maria	
20	Mana	TEMPERTON	Lisa	TEMPERTON	Lisa	
27	Nelson	VAUGHAN	Peter	VAUGHAN	Peter John	
28	New Lynn	OLIVER	Steve	OLIVER	Stephen Thomas	
29	New Plymouth	WILLETTS	Warren	WILLETTS	Warren John	
32	Northland	FEYEN	Michael	FEYEN	Michael	
34	Ōtaki	TEN-HAVE	Bryan	TEN-HAVE	Bryan Gerard	
35	Pakuranga	SCOTHERN	Phil	SCOTHERN	Philip	

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38	Papakura	KOUKA	Donna	KOUKA	Donna	
39	Port Waikato	TURNER	Kim	TURNER	Kim	
40	Rangitata	SHEARER	Wayne	SHEARER	Wayne	
45	Selwyn	COURTNEY	Logan	COURTNEY	Logan	
46	Southland	EVANS	Logan	EVANS	Logan	
47	Tairāri	ROBERTS	Fred	ROBERTS	Frederick	
49	Tāmaki	PERRATT	Anne	PERRATT	Anne	
51	Taupō	WILSON	Gordon	WILSON	Gordon Ross	
54	Tukituki	HULMAN	Rob	HULMAN	Rob	
55	Upper Harbour	NEWMAN	Chris	NEWMAN	Christopher	
58	Wairarapa	ARNOTT	Pete	ARNOTT	Peter Rex	
59	Waitaki	BAILEY	Ray	BAILEY	Raymond Samuel	
61	West Coast-Tasman	MARINKOVICH	Sebastian	MARINKOVICH	Sebastian	
63	Whangaparāoa	WILSON	Jeanette	WILSON	Jeanette	
64	Whangārei	ANDREWS	Janita	ANDREWS	Janita	

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65	Wigram	VAN DUIVENBODEN	Christine	VAN DUIVENBODEN	Christine Sue

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Party List Declaration

To the Electoral Commission

I, MICHELE SMITH the party secretary of the New Zealand Loyal political party, registered under Part 4 of the Electoral Act 1993 (the Act), solemnly and sincerely declare that:

- each of the persons named in the list of candidates in the Annex to this form, submitted by me under section 127 of the Act, is qualified to be a candidate and to be elected a member of Parliament both in terms of the Electoral Act 1993 and any other enactment, and
- the party has no component parties.

And I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true and by virtue of the Oaths and Declarations Act 1957.

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Diane Mary Ammundsen
(signature and name and designation of person taking oath or affirmation)

M. Smith

Signature of the Party Secretary

Declared at Waikanae this 14th day of SEPTEMBER 2023

B.B. Faithfull, JP
#6229
RED BEACH
Justice of the Peace for New Zealand

Diane Mary Ammundsen, JP
#16037
PARAPARAUMU
Justice of the Peace for New Zealand

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I enclose with this list copies of the consents of all candidates to the inclusion of their names in this list.



ANNEX
LIST NAMES OF CANDIDATES FOR
2023 GENERAL ELECTION
New Zealand Loyal

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List the candidates' names, addresses and telephone numbers in order of the party's preference, commencing with the first in order of preference.

Order of Preference	Surname or Family name	First name(s)	Address	Telephone Number
1	GUNN	Liz	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
2	DREW	Peter		
3	ENGEL	Philip George		



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MICHELE SMITH

Secretary name

the Secretary of the

New Zealand Loyal

name of registered party

solemnly and sincerely declare that I am satisfied that every person listed in the schedule below, being a person I have nominated as an electorate candidate for an electorate specified in the schedule, is qualified under the Electoral Act 1993 to be an electorate candidate. And I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true and by virtue of the Oaths and Declarations Act 1957.

Declared at *Waikanae* this *14th* day of *Sept* 2023.

M. Smith
Signature of the Party Secretary

B. B. Faithfull, JP
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Justice of the Peace for New Zealand

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Before me Justice of the Peace, Solicitor, or other person authorised to take a statutory declaration

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34	Ōtago Electorate contested	FEN HAVE	Brian Gerard	FEN HAVE	Brian Gerard
35	Pakuranga	SCOTHERN	Phil	SCOTHERN	Philip
36	Palmerston North	GRANT	Dean	GRANT	Dean
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65	Wigram	VAN DUIVENBODEN	Christine	VAN DUIVENBODEN	Christine





14 September 2023

Michele Smith
Party Secretary
New Zealand Loyal
155 Winara Avenue
Waikanae 5036

This document is the document marked **MS-12** referred to in the annexed affidavit of affirmed at **Paraparaumu** this **4** day of **10**, before me: **2023**
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Dear Michele

Diane Mary Ammundsen, JP
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PARAPARAUMU
Justice of the Peace for New Zealand

ACCEPTANCE OF NOMINATIONS AND PARTY LIST – 2023 GENERAL ELECTION

I have accepted your bulk nomination schedule of electorate candidates and party list lodged for the 2023 General Election in accordance with sections 127 and 146G of the Electoral Act 1993.

Your schedule, party list and consent forms will now be available for public inspection.

I also acknowledge the payment of a deposit of \$10,900 received on 14 September 2023 in accordance with sections 127A and 146F of the Electoral Act 1993.

Yours sincerely

Karl Le Quesne
Chief Electoral Officer

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[Signature]

----- Forwarded Message -----

From: michele.smith@nzloyal.org.nz <michele.smith@nzloyal.org.nz>

Date: On Thursday, September 14th, 2023 at 2:04 PM

Subject: RE: Bulk Nominations

To: Benjamin Baker <benjamin.baker@elections.govt.nz>

Hi Benjamin, I'm trying to get hold of our guy who made the payment and will upload this through ASAP.

Also, thank you for your massive effort and help throughout the nomination process - you've been a legend!

I will be inputting some candidates via the individual candidate nomination process as well with cut off time of midday tomorrow, Fri 15th.

Thanks,
Michele

Michele Smith | Party Secretary | New Zealand Loyal

P O Box 38, Waikanae 5036 | [REDACTED]



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From: Benjamin Baker <benjamin.baker@elections.govt.nz>

Date: On Thursday, September 14th, 2023 at 2:19 PM

Subject: RE: Nominations

To: Michele Smith <michele.smith@nzloyal.org.nz>

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Hi Michele

Parties using the bulk nomination system can't also do individual nominations. The bulk nominations system has closed. We are offering to edit Christine's name, with your permission.

Ngā mihi

Benjamin Baker ([he/him](#)) | Senior Policy Advisor | Legal and Policy
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From: Benjamin Baker <benjamin.baker@elections.govt.nz>
Sent: Thursday, September 14, 2023 8:47 PM
To: Michele Smith <michele.smith@nzloyal.org.nz>
Cc: Adam [REDACTED]; James [REDACTED]

Subject: RE: Withdrawal of NZL Candidate Phil Engel

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Hi Michele

I am attaching the documents you will need and some further advice on this matter.

Diane Mary Ammundsen, JP
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While a candidate cannot simply be added at this stage, if a candidate wanting to withdraw is electorate only, there is provision for the candidate to withdraw their nomination under section 146J of the Electoral Act. To do you will need to complete this form (attached) and have it witnessed and submit it before noon tomorrow (15 September).

If a candidate is withdrawing, then there is provision for a new candidate to be added to replace that candidate (section 146K). The same rules apply, you will need to submit a schedule that is witnessed, a copy of a consent form from the new candidate, and instructions on whether the fee paid for the withdrawing candidate is to be applied to the new candidate.

Rather than redo the whole bulk nomination, I would suggest that you could just add the substitute candidate by completing the following schedule just for the one candidate. Note that this is only an option if the added candidate is put into the same electorate that the person is withdrawing from. Again it must be witnessed and provided before noon tomorrow.

Hope that makes sense.

Ngā mihi

Benjamin Baker ([he/him](#)) | Senior Policy Advisor | Legal and Policy
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1. LIZ GUNN
2. LOGAN COURTNEY
3. STEVE OLIVER
4. LOGAN EVANS
5. KIM TURNER
6. DAVID KOWALEWSKI
7. JANITA ANDREWS
8. ROB HULMAN
9. LISA TEMPERTON
10. SEBASTIAN MARINOVICH
11. RAY BAILEY
12. DEAN GRANT
13. JORDAN BLAKE
14. STEVE LAWTON
15. PETER DREW
16. RAY COBB
17. BRYAN TEN-HAVE
18. MICHAEL FEYEN
19. CHRIS NEWMAN
20. JEANETTE WILSON
21. ANNE PERRATT
22. BILL DYET
23. DONNA KOUKA
24. GORDON WILSON
25. JOHN ARMSTRONG
26. WARREN WILLETTS
27. PETE ARNOTT
28. WAYNE SHEARER
29. TANYA BAN
30. FRED ROBERTS
31. NATALIE COLELLO
32. CHRISTINE VAN DUIVENBODEN
33. PHIL SCOTHERN
34. PETER VAUGHAN
35. PHIL ENGLS
36. ANNA ROTHERAY

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