

From: [Benjamin](#) [redacted]
To: [Avi](#) [redacted] [Kristina Temel](#)
Subject: FW: Some rogue person putting up Te Pāti Māori signage today.
Date: Saturday, 14 October 2023 5:24:24 pm
Attachments: [image001.jpg](#)

FYI – Lance thinks some stolen signs are being displayed to get them in trouble.

Ngā mihi

Benjamin [redacted] ([he/him](#)) | Senior Policy Advisor | Legal and Policy
Electoral Commission | Te Kaitiaki Take Kōwhiri
PO Box 3220 | Level 4, 34-42 Manners Street | Wellington
Work - [redacted] | [vote.nz](#) | [elections.nz](#)



From: Lance Norman <secretary@maoriparty.org.nz>
Sent: Saturday, October 14, 2023 2:16 PM
To: Benjamin [redacted] <[\[redacted\]@elections.govt.nz](mailto:[redacted]@elections.govt.nz)>
Cc: John Tamihere <john.tamihere@waiwhanau.com>
Subject: Some rogue person putting up Te Pāti Māori signage today.

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Kia Ora Benjamin,

I have received a few calls from our Māori Electorates that some of our signs that were taken down yesterday have been put up by some rouge person.

I suspect that they have pulled some of our signs down during the campaign period as many were stolen and put them up to deliberately look like we are breaching the rules.

We have taken the ones down again that we found.

I note one of your emails to me your team noted that the sign was not there yesterday and was put back up today.

We will keep you posted if we discover others.

Ngā Mihi

Lance Norman
Secretary
Te Pāti Māori

M [+](#) [redacted]

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Karl Le Quesne](#)
To: [Secretary Te Pati Māori](#)
Cc: [John Tamihere](#); [John Tamihere](#)
Bcc: [Natalie](#)
Subject: RE: Election 2023 - Tāmaki Makaurau - Recount of Votes
Date: Wednesday, 8 November 2023 2:48:00 pm
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Kia ora Lance

The recount process is directly managed by the District Court and the Judge appointed for a recount will contact all candidates affected by a recount to tell them of the arrangements.

We have been told there will be a recount for Tāmaki Makaurau Māori Electorate, and your candidate should be contacted shortly.

The Judge will normally brief the candidates ahead of the recount. There is normally also a briefing for the appointed scrutineers on the process at the start of the recount. Under section 183 of the Electoral Act one or more scrutineers can be appointed by any candidate affected by the recount.

The Commission has a support role to the Judge who runs the whole process.

I hope that helps.

Ngā mihi

Karl Le Quesne

Karl Le Quesne (He/Him) | Chief Electoral Officer
Electoral Commission | Te Kaitiaki Take Kōwhiri
PO Box 3220 | 34-42 Manners Street | Wellington
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From: Secretary Te Pati Māori <secretary@maoriparty.org.nz>
Sent: Wednesday, November 8, 2023 2:31 PM
To: Karl Le Quesne <[REDACTED]@elections.govt.nz>
Cc: John Tamihere <president@maoriparty.org.nz>; John Tamihere <john.tamihere@waiwhanau.com>
Subject: Election 2023 - Tāmaki Makaurau - Recount of Votes

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Kia Ora Karl,

We have just been informed that there is a recount requested for the Tāmaki Makaurau Māori Electorate.

Please confirm that this is the case.

If yes, as an impacted party, Te Pāti Māori would have expected a courtesy heads up before this was made public.

Please provide the detailed process for this recount.

Te Pāti Māori will appoint at least two scrutineers to provide oversight on the recount process.

We would appreciate an urgent response to this matter.

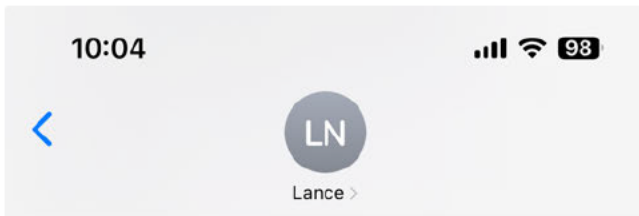
Please contact me if you have any queries.

Ngā Mihi

Lance Norman
Secretary
Te Pāti Māori

Moblie: ([REDACTED]

From: [Karl Le Quesne](#)
To: [Kristina Temel](#); [Clare](#); [Natalie](#)
Subject: Txt
Date: Thursday, 6 June 2024 10:05:48 am
Attachments: [Image.png](#)



Thu, 9 Nov at 6:57 PM



**'What is your evidence?' -
Tamihere responds to Māori Party
polling misconduct claims**
nzherald.co.nz

Kia Ora Karl,

Could you please advise if Te Pāti
Māori is under investigation with
regards to the Manurewa Mare
polling booth.

Ngā Mihi
Lance Norman
Te Pāti Māori
Secretary

Kia Ora Lance. We have not had
any complaints about Te Pāti
Māori in relation to the marae. Ngā
mihi. Karl Le Quesne



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From: Hilda [REDACTED]
To: [Natasha Kemp](#); [Angel Vargas](#)
Cc: [Lola \[REDACTED\]](#); [Cardena \[REDACTED\]](#)
Subject: Re: Manurewa Marae - Use of Facilities as an Advance and Election Day Voting Place
Date: Sunday, 30 April 2023 7:07:42 am
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
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Ka pai happy to hui about this with you Angela. Cardena can you see if I have any free time in the dates below.

Aku mihi
Hilda
Sent from my iPhone

On 29/04/2023, at 6:19 PM, Natasha Kemp
<[REDACTED]@manurewamarae.co.nz> wrote:

I'll leave this for Hilda

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From: Lola [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@manurewamarae.co.nz>
Sent: Saturday, April 29, 2023 6:17:52 PM
To: [Natasha Kemp \[REDACTED\]@manurewamarae.co.nz](#); [Hilda \[REDACTED\] \[REDACTED\]@manurewamarae.co.nz](#)
Subject: Fwd: Manurewa Marae - Use of Facilities as an Advance and Election Day Voting Place
For your information

Ngā mihi.

From: [Angel Vargas \[REDACTED\]@elections.govt.nz](#)
Sent: Saturday, April 29, 2023 3:41 PM
To: [Lola \[REDACTED\]@manurewamarae.co.nz](#)
Subject: Manurewa Marae - Use of Facilities as an Advance and Election Day Voting Place

Kia ora

I am the Electorate Manager looking after Manurewa and Tamaki Makaurau Electorates. Your contact details were forwarded to me by Georgia [REDACTED]. I would like to set-up a meeting to discuss the details of using the Marae as a Voting Place for 2023 General Election. There is also a site assessment that I would need to complete, a procedure required by the Electoral Commission prior to confirming the use of a venue as a voting place.

I am available anytime after 12:30pm on Thursday (3rd May) or Friday (4th May).

Let me know the date and time that suits you best.

Thank you and I look forward to meeting you.

Ngā mihi

Angelica Tuyay Vargas | Electorate Manager – Manurewa & Tamaki Makaurau
Electorates

Electoral Commission | Te Kaitiaki Take Kōwhiri

Phone [REDACTED] [vote.nz](https://www.vote.nz) | [elections.nz](https://www.elections.nz)



<https://www.elections.nz/jobs/>

From: [Martin Rodgers](#)
To: [Kristina Temel](#)
Subject: FW: Te Pae Herenga o Tāmaki - Election 2023 - Polling Booths
Date: Thursday, 4 May 2023 4:15:13 pm

FYI – the orgs that I would like to discuss with you in the meeting invitation I sent. Martin

From: Shane Whitfield <[REDACTED]@elections.govt.nz>

Sent: Thursday, May 4, 2023 4:09 PM

To: Martin Rodgers <[REDACTED]@elections.govt.nz>

Subject: FW: Te Pae Herenga o Tāmaki - Election 2023 - Polling Booths

Kia Ora – not sure how much visibility you and/or Jeremy have had over this work, it seems there would be an opportunity to extend this across the whole North Island. What do you think?

Shane

From: Sonitha [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@elections.govt.nz>

Sent: Wednesday, May 3, 2023 9:58 AM

To: Shane Whitfield <[REDACTED]@elections.govt.nz>

Subject: FW: Te Pae Herenga o Tāmaki - Election 2023 - Polling Booths

From: Erin [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@elections.govt.nz>

Sent: Wednesday, May 3, 2023 8:32 AM

To: Sonitha [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@elections.govt.nz>

Subject: FW: Te Pae Herenga o Tāmaki - Election 2023 - Polling Booths

Kia ora Sonitha,

This is the partnership I was talking to you about.

1 Collective for Tamaki Makaurau but Chair Jaqui holds 17 collectives covering 89% of Maori organisations in the North Island

Cheers

Erin

From: Lance Norman <[REDACTED]@gmail.com>

Sent: Sunday, April 23, 2023 5:50 PM

To: Erin [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@elections.govt.nz>

Cc: Kate [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@elections.govt.nz>; Nancy [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@elections.govt.nz>; Hone Matthews <[REDACTED]@elections.govt.nz>; Jacqui [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@waiwhanau.com>; Danielle [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@waiwhanau.com>; [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@waiwhanau.com>; Natasha Kemp <[REDACTED]@manurewamarae.co.nz>; [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@manurewamarae.co.nz>; John Tamihere <[REDACTED]@waiwhanau.com>; Awerangi [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@waiwhanau.com>; Maria [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@waiwhanau.com>; Maria [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@waiwhanau.com>; Tarsha [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@waiwhanau.com>

Subject: Te Pae Herenga o Tāmaki - Election 2023 - Polling Booths

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Kia Ora Erin,

We propose 14 sites as listed below:

Te Pae Herenga o Tāmaki providers:

(1) Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Whātua - 1 & 3-5 Rendall Place, Auckland.

(2) Te Puna Hauora o Te Raki Paewhenua - 58 Akoranga Drive, Northcote, Auckland.

- (3) **Te Whānau o Waipareira** - Ground Floor, 6/8 Pioneer Street, Henderson, Auckland.
(4) **Ruapotaka Marae** - 106 Line Road, Glen Innes, Auckland.
(5) **Manukau Urban Māori Authority / Nga Whare Waatea Marae** - 31 Calthorp Close, Favona, Auckland.
(6) **Manurewa Marae** - 81 Finlayson Avenue, Clendon Park, Manukau City.
(7) **Papakura Marae** - 29 Hunua Road, Auckland.
(8) **Huakina Development Trust** - 15/17 Roulston Street, Pukekohe.
(9) **Hoani Waititi Marae** - 451 West Coast Road, Oratia, Auckland.
(10) **Te Kaha O Te Rangatahi** - 2b Jellicoe Road, Manurewa, Auckland.
(11) **Mobile Collection Van - Te Whānau o Waipareira** - West Auckland.
(12) **Mobile Collection Van - Manurewa Marae** - South Auckland.

Other Sites:

- (13) **Te Mahurehure Cultural Marae** - 65/73 Premier Avenue, Point Chevalier, Auckland.
(14) **Orakei Marae** - 59B Kitemoana Street, Orakei, Auckland.

Danielle and Renee are the Relationship Managers for Te Pae Herenga o Tāmaki partners. Jacqui is the Chair of Te Pae Herenga o Tāmaki.

Renee is planning on sending information out to the partners in the coming week. She will coordinate site visits with the Partners and your team over the next few weeks.

Maria Halligan supports the organisations with funding proposals. Both Maria and myself will connect with you regarding budgets and timing etc. I will ring you this week to coordinate.

Any queries, please contact me.

Ngā Mihi

Lance Norman

M + [REDACTED]

On Thu, 6 Apr 2023 at 11:42, Erin [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]@elections.govt.nz](mailto:[REDACTED]@elections.govt.nz)> wrote:

Kia ora Lance,

Thank you for sharing our resources and documenting our minutes. I am looking forward to working with you and the collective

I have spoken to the team here at the commission and we agree that what has been proposed will be achievable and we would like to progress with next steps:

1. Site Inspections for fixed locations and an agreement of opening days and hours for advanced voting and Election Day
2. Discuss and create a shared calendar for:
 - a. Mobile / Pop up units for advance voting
 - b. Enrolment / Education opportunities leading up to GE 2023 e.g., Whanau days.
3. Recruitment plan for staff working in Voting Places
4. Develop a training schedule for Takeaway votes and Voting staff.
5. Organise a wananga two weeks after the Election to review the service provided to our community.

As discussed, we would also like to understand any funding requirements.

Nga mihi

Erin

From: Lance Norman <[\[REDACTED\]@gmail.com](mailto:[REDACTED]@gmail.com)>

Sent: Monday, April 3, 2023 6:15 PM

To: Erin [REDACTED]@elections.govt.nz>; Kate [REDACTED]@elections.govt.nz>; Nancy [REDACTED]@elections.govt.nz>; Hone Matthews <[REDACTED]@elections.govt.nz>

Cc: Jacqui [REDACTED]@waiwhanau.com>; Danielle [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@waiwhanau.com>; [REDACTED]@waiwhanau.com; Natasha Kemp [REDACTED]@manurewamarae.co.nz>; [REDACTED]@manurewamarae.co.nz; John Tamihere <[REDACTED]@waiwhanau.com>; Maria [REDACTED]@waiwhanau.com>; Tarsha [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@waiwhanau.com>

Subject: Māori Electoral Option - Digital Assets

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Kia ora Erin and Team,

Thank you for meeting with Te Pae Herenga o Tāmaki, Te Whānau o Waipareira and Manurewa Marae today and also for the below digital resources. We will distribute to our partners.

Please find attached:

- Te Pae Herenga o Tāmaki - Tāmaki 10,000 - Overview of the Collective (and examples of mahi we have done).
- Te Pae Herenga o Tāmaki presentation to the Electoral Commission - April 2023 (example of mahi we are doing in health).

The first presentation includes our collective Education Strategy and the second presentation includes our collective Health Strategy. The mahi we all did over the Covid-19 response is an excellent example of how we worked with Māori communities across Tāmaki (and Aotearoa).

Our key actions from the meeting:

- 1) Te Pae Herenga o Tāmaki Partners to be registered as Polling Booths for the October 2023 General Election. The eight organisations included in the presentations, plus we will have others to add for example, Hoani Waititi Marae, Te Kaha O Te Rangatahi.
- 2) Te Pae Herenga o Tāmaki Partners to also be registered as mobile Polling Booths for the October 2023 General Election. This is to allow our vehicles / tents etc to be set up at Parks, Community Centres, Kōhanga Reo, Kura Kaupapa Māori to improve access for Whānau.
- 3) All our Māori Partners to have their respective polling booths open for the two weeks leading into the Election (inclusive of Election Day).
- 4) The ability for our respective staff to pick up completed votes and deliver to approved Polling Booths to improve access for Whānau.
- 5) Funding and training for our respective staff to manage the polling booths.
- 6) Using your baseline digital information and dissemination through our social media networks.

As discussed, Te Pae Herenga o Tāmaki Partners will:

- 1) Ensure there are at least 2 Te Reo Māori speakers at all our Polling Booths.
- 2) Run Rangatahi specific events to encourage young voters to register and vote.
- 3) Run Kuia and Kaumatua friendly events to encourage older voters to register and vote.
- 4) Use our various Te Pae Herenga o Tāmaki and Partners social media platforms to encourage Māori to register and vote.

If I have missed anything, please add.

Ngā Mihi

Lance Norman

M ± [REDACTED]

From: Erin [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@elections.govt.nz>

Sent: Monday, 3 April 2023 5:01 PM

To: Lance Norman <[REDACTED]@waihnanau.com>

Subject: Māori Electoral Option digital assets

Kia ora Lance,

With the **Māori Electoral Option (MEO) – Te Kōwhiringa Pōti Māori** campaign having now begun, please see below for our digital assets.

Website – Information on Vote.nz about the MEO

- [About the Māori Electoral Option](#)

Video - He Mana Tō Te Kōwhiri – Your Choice has Mana (*Key information about the MEO*)

- [Video in English](#)
- [Video in Te Reo Māori](#)

Brochures

- [Māori Electoral Option brochure - Te Reo Māori & English](#)
- [Māori Electoral Option poster - A3](#)
- [Māori Electoral Option poster - A4](#)

New Zealand Sign Language Videos / Accessible formats

- [What is the Māori Electoral Option?](#)
- [Māori Electoral Option: How to make your choice](#)
- [Māori Electoral Option: What's changed?](#)
- [Māori Electoral Option: Current Māori and General electorates](#)
- [Māori Electoral Option Info - Other accessible formats](#)

If you have any questions about any of these resources, or would like any support in delivering messaging around the **Māori Electoral Option – Te Kōwhiringa Pōti Māori**, please feel free to contact us to arrange this.

Ngā mihi,

Erin

ADVANCE & ELECTION DAY VOTING PLACE ASSESSMENT

Site:

Name:	Manurewa Marae
Address:	81 Finlayson Avenue, Clendon Park 2103

Contact for site:

Alternative contact for site:

Name: Cardena [REDACTED]	Name: Lola [REDACTED]
Position:	Position: Office Manager
Phone number(s): [REDACTED]	Phone number(s):
Email: [REDACTED]@manurewamarae.co.nz	Email: [REDACTED]@manurewamarae.co.nz

Pre-visit information:

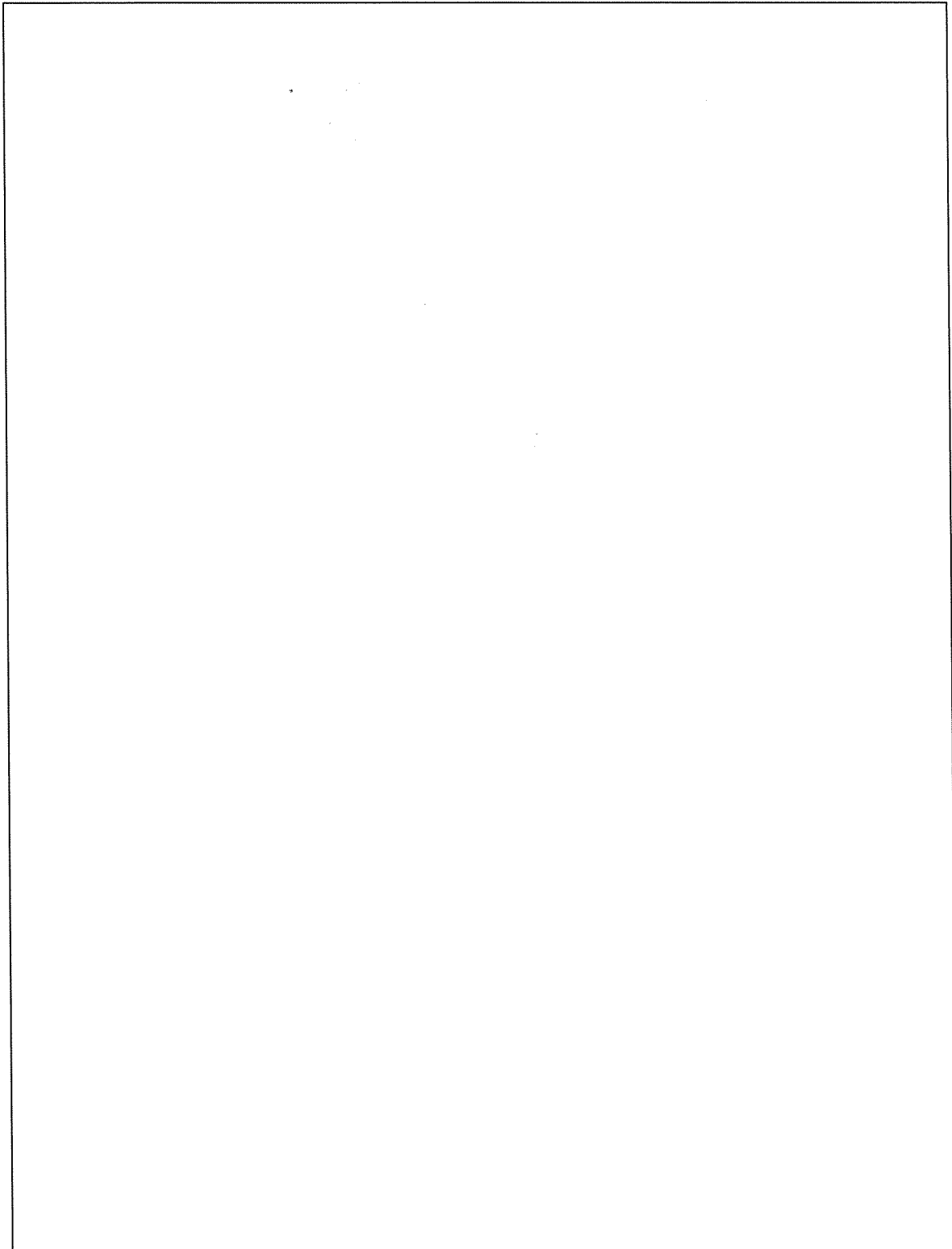
What is the availability of the site?	AV	ED	If yes for advance voting, describe available days / hours
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Can political neutrality be confirmed?	Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input checked="" type="radio"/>	Describe any concerns: National office coordinates with the Maori Collective	
Is alcohol sold at the site during the hours of voting?	Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input checked="" type="radio"/>	If yes, where is the location in relation to the voting area?	
Have there been any security incidents at the site or nearby in the past 12 months?	Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input checked="" type="radio"/>	If yes, describe the incident(s):	
Has an earthquake assessment (NBS) been completed for the space used for the voting place?	Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input checked="" type="radio"/>	If yes, what was the result? *any site below 34% needs to be approved by National Office	
Where is the closest Civil Defence Centre or community emergency hub?	/		Where is the location?
Is this site within a tsunami zone?	Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input checked="" type="radio"/>	If yes, what is the recommended evacuation route(s)?	

Site map:

Insert an aerial photo from google maps below.

Indicate:

- where to put voting place signs to direct voters
- the designated accessible car park
- staff and voters parking location(s)
- access from street for delivery truck (if applicable)



Recruitment and communications:

What groups of the community utilize this facility routinely?	rangatahi activities/men's/women's group COVID vaccination/food bank clinic
What languages are spoken in the local community?	several - diverse community Te reo
Is there a community newsletter, website, or Facebook page that recruitment and/or voting information could be shared?	If yes, describe.... Digital copy of recruitment flyer provided
Is there a noticeboard (electronic or physical) that could be used to promote this site as a voting place?	If yes, describe....

Health and safety: is there...

Actions required and other notes

Lighting inside and outside in the voting place?	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes / No	
Heating/air conditioning operating during occupancy?	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes / No	heater on wall portable heaters
Toilet facilities available to use?	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes / No	
Accessible toilets available to use?	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes / No	
Unisex toilets available to use?	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes / No	
Kitchen facilities available to use?	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes / No	
Regular cleaning completed by the facility? (For multiple day use)	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes / No	Describe how often and when:
Any cleaning requirements for hiring the space?	Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No	
Rubbish disposal available?	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes / No	Food, etc rubbish only - everything else to bring back to HQ
An accessible first aid kit?	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes / No	kitchen

Ventilation

Refer to M41-VPGUIDE, page 1 for more information on types of ventilation systems.

<p>Are there windows and/or doors that can be left open?</p>	<p><input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes / <input type="radio"/> No</p>	<p>Describe:</p>
<p>Are there any fitted ceiling or extract fans that could be turned on?</p>	<p>Yes / <input checked="" type="radio"/> No</p>	<p>Describe:</p>
<p>Is there a ducted, mechanical ventilation system that could be turned on while staff are at the voting place?</p>	<p>Yes / <input checked="" type="radio"/> No</p>	<p>Describe:</p>
<p>Notes:</p>		

Facilities: is there access to...

Boiling water	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes / No	Microwave	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes / No	Notes: <i>Voting team to bring own cups and drink bottles.</i>
Drinking water	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes / No	Cups	Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No	
Refrigerator		<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes / No		
Photocopier		<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes / No		
Toilet and kitchen supplies e.g., toilet paper, soap, paper towels		<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes / No		

Access and parking:

<p>How will keys / access cards / security codes be provided? Are there any special instructions for their use? <i>8:30 am Staff available on site</i> <i>8:45 am Karakia</i> <i>Voting place manager to confirm arrangement for Thursday</i> <i>late night voting</i></p>		
What are the parking arrangements?	Staff	Voters
	<i>on-site parking / roadside parking if on-site is full</i>	<i>on-site parking / roadside parking if on-site is full</i>

Delivery of equipment:

Advance voting deliver to (circle):	HQ	Voting Place
Election Day deliver to (circle):	HQ	Voting Place
When can equipment be delivered? <i>Monday - Fridays, anytime between 9am to 3pm</i>		
Details of contact person for delivery (if different to contact for voting place):		
Phone:		
Email:		
Delivery address:		
Driver instructions: <i>Call Cardena to arrange for time and date of delivery</i>		
<i>Note: EMS has a 150-character limit</i>		

Logistics:

Describe any logistical considerations? e.g., Mainfreight, distance travelled from HQ <i>No major logistical concern</i>

About the space:

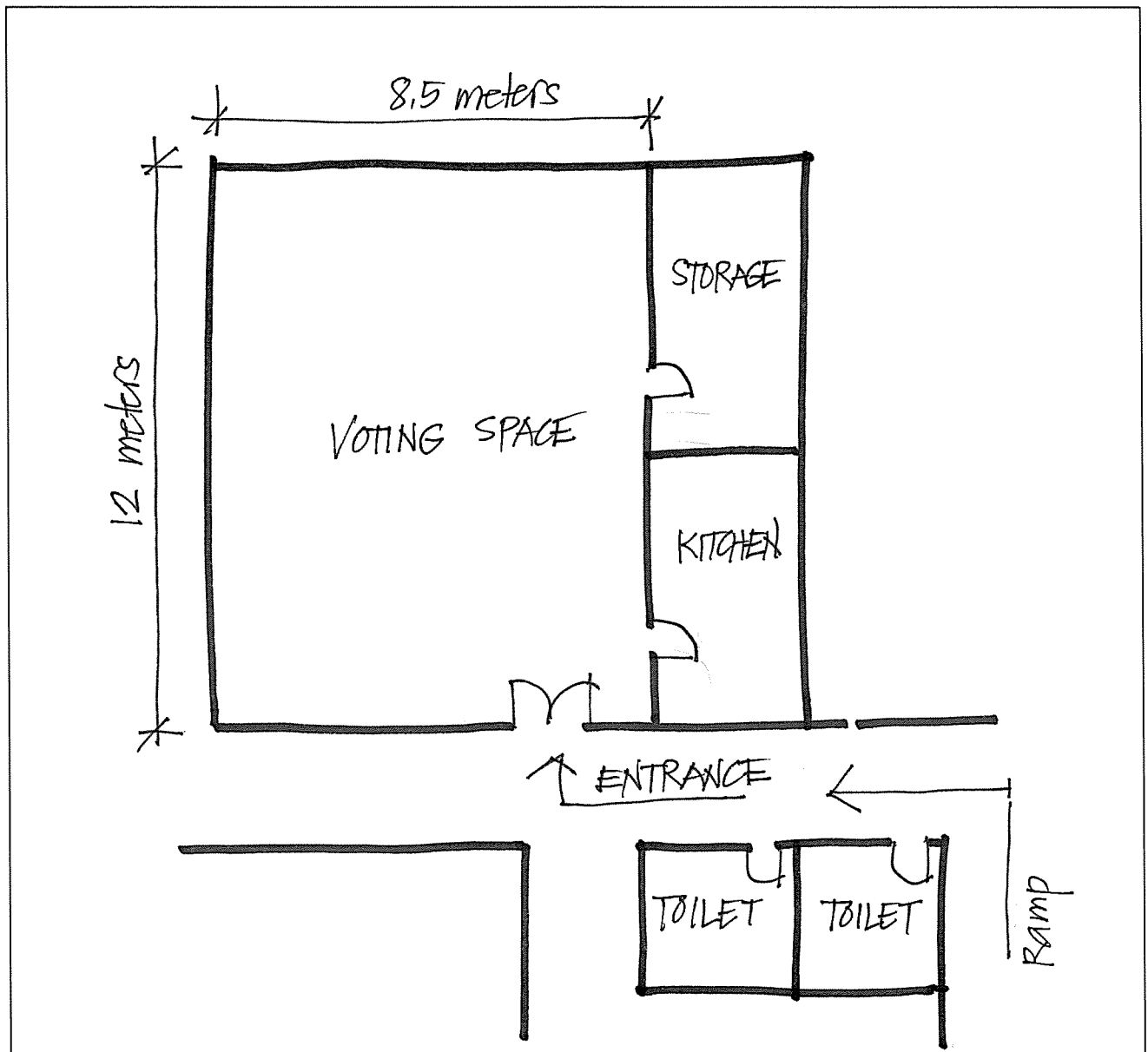
Refer to M41-VPGUIDE, pp.1-8 for more information on calculating the usable area available.

What is the type of site?	Standalone site	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Room within a site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Co-located	<input type="checkbox"/>

Is the site....	Standard Space – the site can meet the expected demand of voters	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
	Limited space – the site cannot meet the expected demand of voters	<input type="checkbox"/>	How many issuing points can the site fit?	

Voting place layout:

Refer to M41-VPGUIDE, pp.1-8 as a guide on how to arrange the voting place.



Queuing:

Describe where any queues will form outside of the voting area, including where priority voters can wait	Adequate queuing space within voting place. Can provide priority seating space.
Will queues affect any other businesses or other users of the site during voting times?	Probably - wharekai

Equipment:

Refer to the M41-VPGUIDE, p.9 for recommended table sizes.

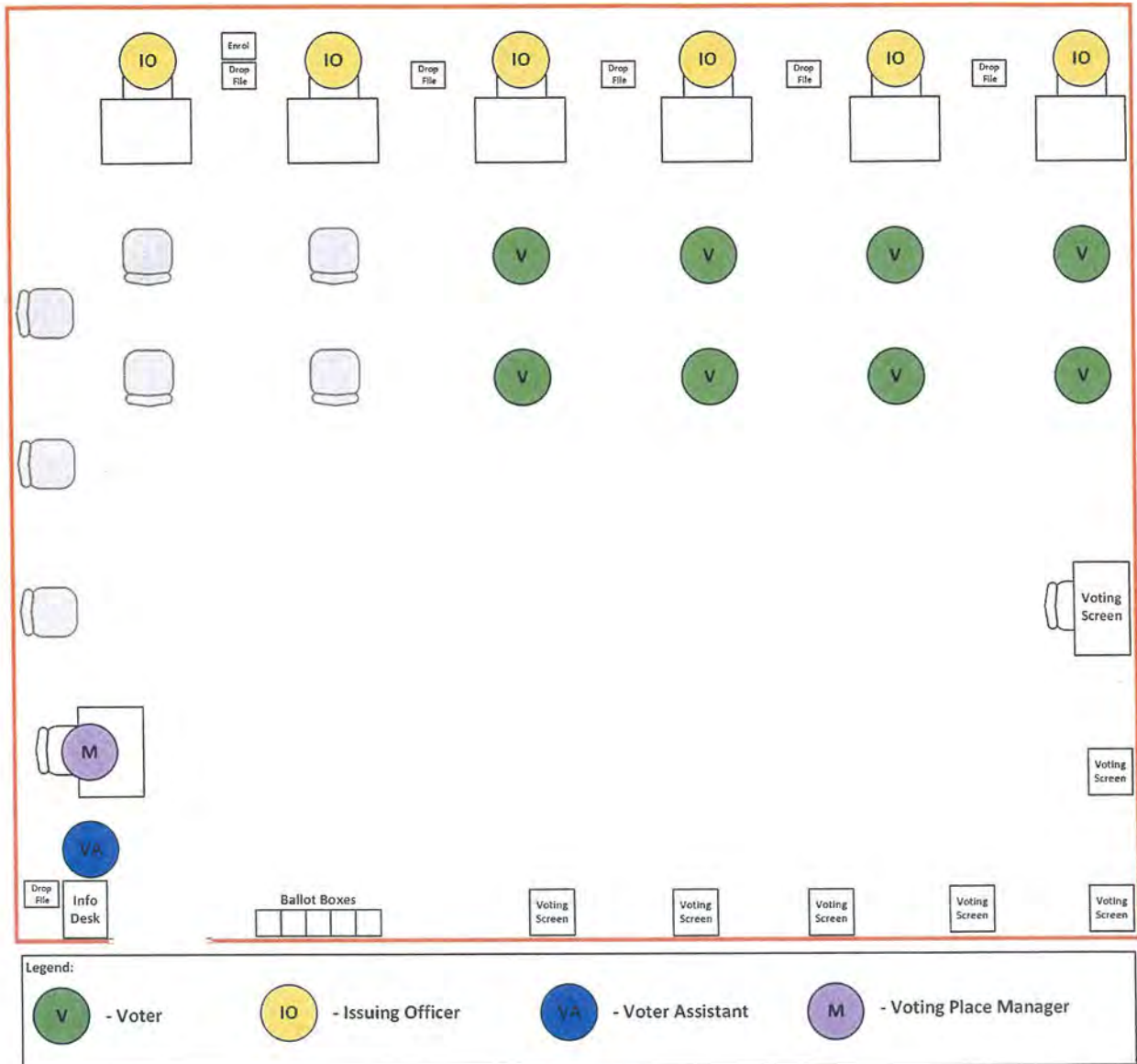
Is the following available at the voting place?	How many are available?	Notes
E128 Chairs for staff, voters and scrutineers	several	
E225 Table suitable for table-top voting	several	
E122 Tables suitable for issuing points	several	

What type of signage is needed?	How many are needed?	Notes
E154 Disability parking sign	-	
E152 Large sandwich-board voting sign	2	
E153 Small sandwich-board voting sign	-	
E131 Plastic voting signs with prongs	2	

Is any other equipment needed?	How many are needed?	Notes
Privacy cap for voting screen (if voting can be overseen e.g., from a mezzanine floor)	-	
Tape barriers 5m (for open space voting places and managing queues)	-	
Day storage box (for multiple day use)	-	

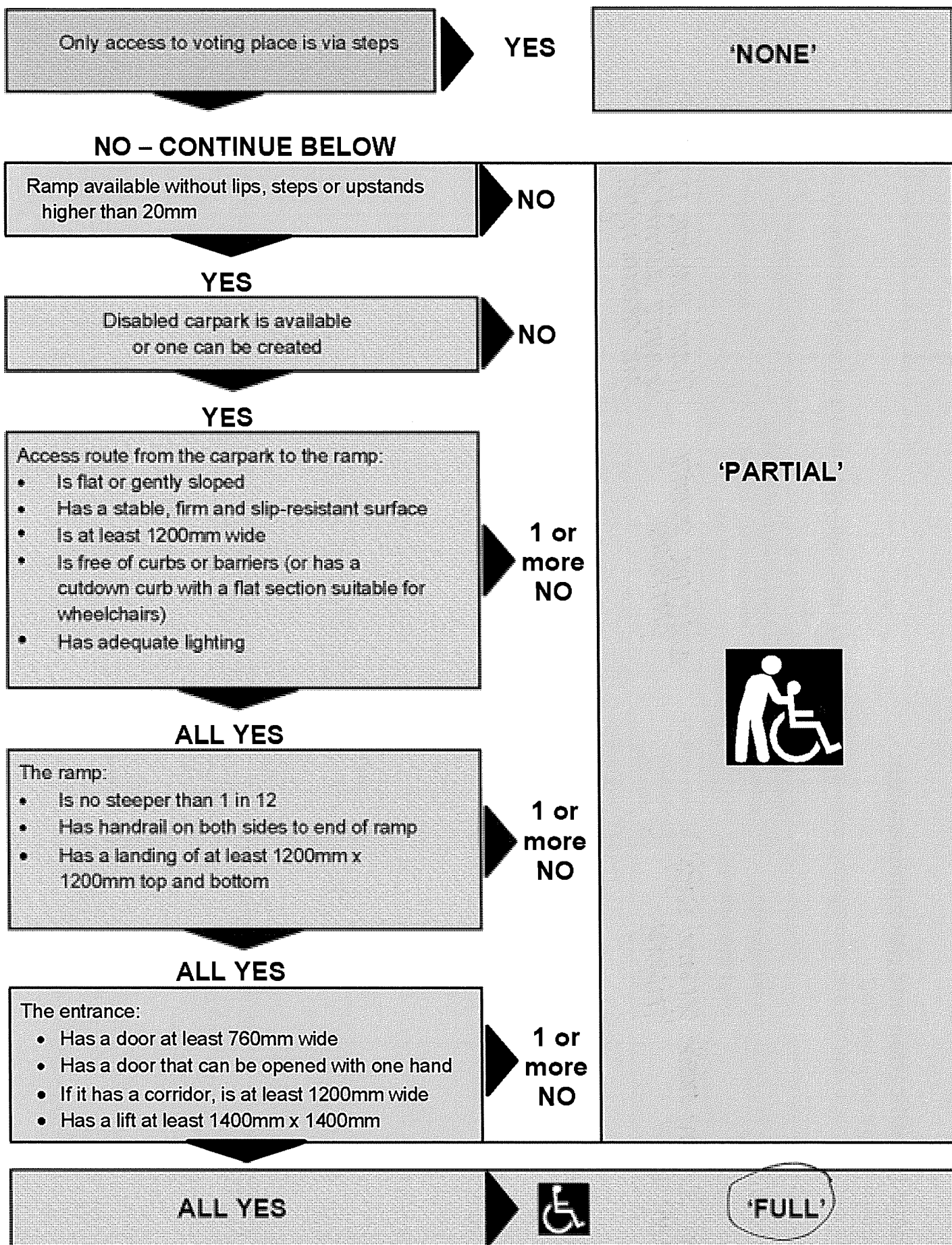
Six issuing officers

10m x 12m



Accessibility rating:

Refer to the M41-VPGUIDE, p.9 to help determine the accessibility rating of each site.



Hazard identification and risk minimisation:

Are there any potential hazards?

Common hazards to consider are: poor lighting, cords across floor, heavy items, stairs, potential for surfaces to get slippery if wet.

Hazard	Potential harm (what could happen)	How likely is the potential harm to happen? Tick One	Way(s) potential harm can be minimised OR likelihood reduced	Action proposed	Completed Date
poor lighting outside main gate	personal safety, tripping	<input type="checkbox"/> very unlikely <input type="checkbox"/> unlikely <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> possible <input type="checkbox"/> very unlikely <input type="checkbox"/> unlikely <input type="checkbox"/> possible <input type="checkbox"/> very unlikely <input type="checkbox"/> unlikely <input type="checkbox"/> possible <input type="checkbox"/> very unlikely <input type="checkbox"/> unlikely <input type="checkbox"/> possible <input type="checkbox"/> very unlikely <input type="checkbox"/> unlikely <input type="checkbox"/> possible <input type="checkbox"/> very unlikely <input type="checkbox"/> unlikely <input type="checkbox"/> possible <input type="checkbox"/> very unlikely <input type="checkbox"/> unlikely <input type="checkbox"/> possible <input type="checkbox"/> very unlikely <input type="checkbox"/> unlikely <input type="checkbox"/> possible	additional security provisions	Major Wardens to provide security during late nights and election night	

Security profile: All voting places

Tick the most appropriate answer for each section from what you observe at the site.
 For a 'No, but...' answer: describe the actions required.
 Subtotal each section at the bottom of each page.

Section 1 – Emergency considerations		Selection	Tick	Points	Actions required and other notes
1.1	Does the site have emergency procedures?	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2	
		No, but the landlord or building manager can provide procedures, or I can write them	<input type="checkbox"/>	2	↑
		No	<input type="checkbox"/>	0	
1.2	Are the emergency procedures effective during the times election staff are present?	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2	
		No, but the procedures can be adjusted so that they will be effective	<input type="checkbox"/>	2	↑
		No	<input type="checkbox"/>	0	
1.3	Are there reliable, tested communications in the event of an incident at the site?	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2	
		No, but there is accessible WIFI onsite (Record username and password details)	<input type="checkbox"/>	2	↑
		No, but there is coverage with a Spark SIM card	<input type="checkbox"/>	2	↑
		No, but alternative options are available at the site or within 5 minutes walking distance, such as a landline. Describe arrangements.	<input type="checkbox"/>	2	↑
		No (You must discuss this voting place with your Regional Manager to put mitigations in place)	<input type="checkbox"/>	0	

Section 1 - Total 6

Section 2 – Access to the voting place		Selection	Tick	Points	Actions required and other notes
2.1	Are there lockable entry/exit points to the overall site?	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2	
		No	<input type="checkbox"/>	0	
2.2	Are there lockable entry/exit points to the voting place?	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	4	
		No, but we could provide a security guard	<input type="checkbox"/>	4	↑
		No	<input type="checkbox"/>	0	
2.3	Is there a private space for staff, away from the voting area?	Separate room(s) with doors	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	4	
		No, but we could provide temporary partitions	<input type="checkbox"/>	2	↑
		No, but we could provide tape barriers (add to equipment section)	<input type="checkbox"/>	1	↑
	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	0		
2.4	Can voting materials be kept secure from public access during voting hours?	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2	
		No, but a lockable container for day storage of materials can be provided	<input type="checkbox"/>	2	↑
		No	<input type="checkbox"/>	0	

Section 2 - Total 12

Section 3 – Additional security measures	Selection	Tick	Points	Actions required and other notes
3.1	[Redacted]	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2	
	[Redacted]	<input type="checkbox"/>	2	
	[Redacted]	<input type="checkbox"/>	0	
3.2	[Redacted]	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2	[Redacted]
	[Redacted]	<input type="checkbox"/>	0	
3.3	[Redacted]	<input type="checkbox"/>	4	
	[Redacted]	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	0	

Section 3 - Total 4

Summary of security profile:					
	Total achieved	Negligible	Low	Medium	High
Section 1 – Emergency considerations	6	6	4	2	0
Section 2 – Access control	12	10-12	6-9	3-5	0-2
Section 3 – Additional security measures	4	7-8	4-6	2-3	0-1
Final total	22	Negligible	Low	Medium	High
Security risk rating	22	19-26	11-18	6-10	0-5

If the Final total is less than 11 points is achieved, then you must discuss this outcome with your Regional Manager.

Voting places open during advance voting only:

Section 4 - Key voting materials overnight storage	Selection	Tick	Points	Actions required and other notes
4.1	[Redacted]	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	4	
	[Redacted]	<input type="checkbox"/>	2	
	[Redacted]	<input type="checkbox"/>	2	↑
	[Redacted]	<input type="checkbox"/>	0	
4.2	[Redacted]	<input type="checkbox"/>	2	
	[Redacted]	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	0	
4.3	[Redacted]	<input type="checkbox"/>	2	
	[Redacted]	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	0	
4.4.	[Redacted]	<input type="checkbox"/>	1	
	[Redacted]	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	0	
4.5	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		[Redacted]
	No	<input type="checkbox"/>		[Redacted]

Negligible	Low	Medium	High
7-9	5-6	3-4	0-2

Section 4 total and security risk rating for overnight storage at the voting place **4**

If the Section 4 total is less than 5 points, then you must discuss this outcome with your Regional Manager.

Hire cost:

Hire cost:			
Contract type:	Invoice	EC initiated contract	Vendor contract
Details:			

Outcome:

Site suitable for:	Advance voting	Election Day	<u>Both</u>	Unsuitable as a voting place
Why:				

Assessment completed by:	<i>Angel Vargas</i>	Date: <i>17 May 2023</i>
Reviewed (if required) by:		Date:

1 Voting services expectations

My electorate's voting services will:

- 1** Meet the needs of the community
- 2** Be available in locations convenient to voters where they live, work and play
- 3** Prioritise Māori voters, diverse communities and target groups by providing services informed by the community
- 4** Be staffed to reflect the diversity of my local community
- 5** Offer shared electorate voting at locations where voters are expected to vote
- 6** Operate at times convenient to voters, including late nights and weekends

Manurewa Electorate

2023 Electorate Plan for Service Delivery

This electorate plan has been broken into the following sections, covering how services will be planned:

1. Voting services expectations
2. Electorate overview
3. Planning your voting services
4. Confirming your voting service
5. Building your electorate team
6. Risks
7. Review

This plan is an integral part of the overall planning for the general election. It is based on your Regional Plan and combines with other electorate plans to provide a regional approach.

List of changes

Version no.	Consulted with / changes made	Date
1.0	Jeremy Kannemeyer (Regional Manager – Auckland South)	22 May 2023
2.0		
3.0		

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8 Review

Refer to section 9 of Chapter 4 in the operations manual to complete this section.

Subject	Feedback
Headquarters	
Selection of voting services	
Recruitment	
Logistics and supplies	
HQ operations	
Training	
Rostering and communications	
Voting period	
Post-election and completion	

7 Risks

Refer to section 8 of Chapter 4 in the operations manual, the eLearning risk module, and the risk register template. List any risks with a rating score of 12 or more, and any that require significant budget or time to manage.

Your Regional Manager will discuss any further mitigation needed with you.

Please refer to attached **M40-RISK REGISTER for Manurewa Electorate**.

Below is a list of risks that are unlikely to happen but if they do, may result to significant impacts.

- Loss of HQ or access to HQ due to natural disasters such as earthquake, widespread flooding, high winds, tsunami, etc
- Loss of HQ due to fire or localised flooding
- Threat to security of HQ when there is the potential for materials to be stolen or tampered with
- Threat to Security of HQ and voting places due to riots, protests, unruly members of the public or any other situation where there is a chance that staff may be evacuated
- Loss of Voting Place due to localised events such as fire, loss of power, loss of access to voting space, etc.
- A flood or incident closes a key road between the HQ and other HQs and key voting materials cannot be delivered (applicable to Tamaki Makaurau Electorate)

Other risks with a rating score of 12 or more on the risk register are:

- Recruitment (posed a significant risk to Manurewa Electorate in 2020)
Not enough people apply to work or they drop-out before start of contract
Quality of people applying for roles is not at the level required
There are insufficient or poor quality applicants for the manager roles
- Increased COVID-19 cases in the community
Loss of staff/replacements needed at HQ and voting places

6.2 Logistics and Supplies

For 2023 General Election, the crucial part for Tamaki Makaurau is the logistical planning of movement and security of supplies and key voting materials during advance voting, election day and post-election periods.

Although the main bulk of the supplies will be coming directly from National Office to the headquarters of all general electorates, this is largely dependent on assumptions made during the planning of the voting service delivery. Any shortfall brought about by deviations from the electorate plan vs actual voting patterns will have to be managed from the Tamaki Makaurau Electorate Headquarters.

The Logistics and Supplies team will have to familiarise themselves with contact details and physical locations of electorate headquarters so that supply of additional voting materials will be fast and efficient. Clear communication channels must be established and finalised before the voting period.

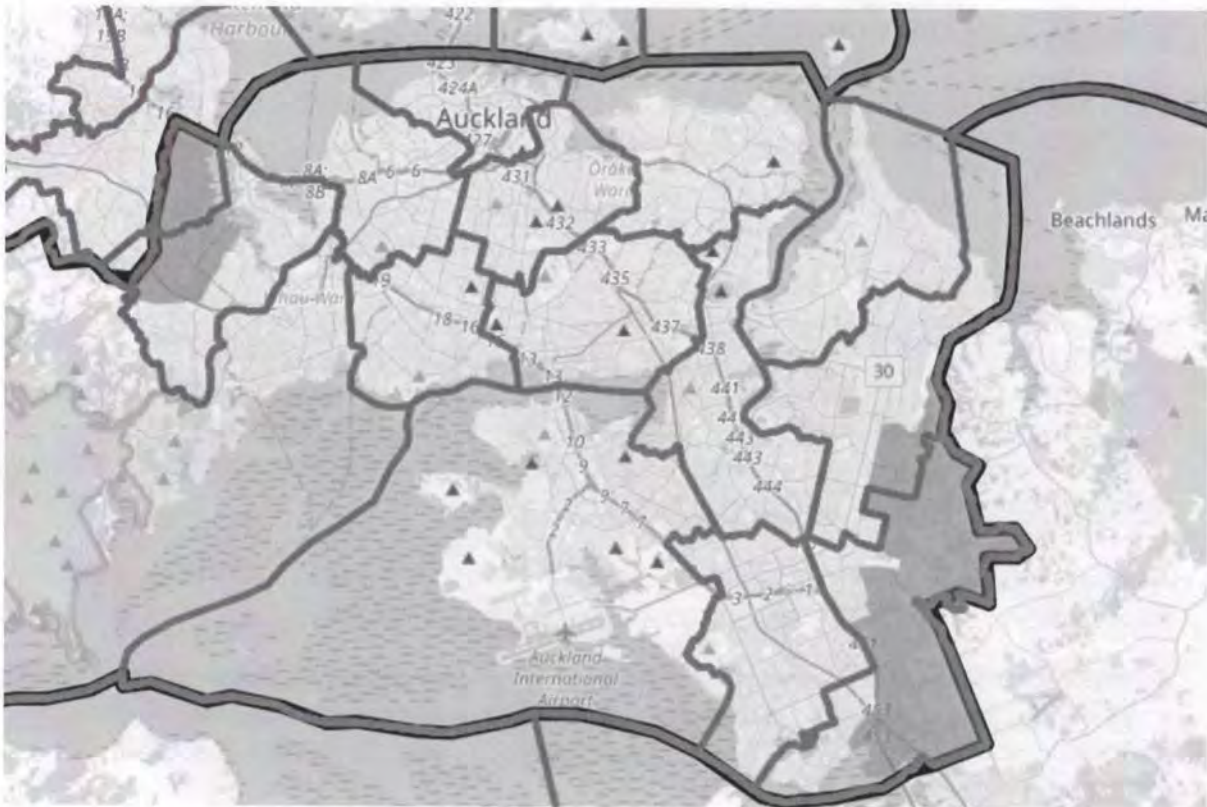
6 Tamaki Makaurau

6.1 Overview

	Nationwide average in 2020	Your electorate in 2020	Your electorate compared to the nationwide average
Turn-out rate	82.2%	65.12%	-18.23%

Tamaki Makaurau’s voter turn-out in 2020 General Election is 65.12% and, with a rating of 72nd, is the lowest turn-out in the country.

As Tamaki Makaurau’s boundaries cover 15 different general electorates in the Auckland and North region, the onus on how to improve participation rates fall on all Electorate Managers looking after these general electorates.



The number of special declaration votes processed in 2020 General Election was 5,527. With an increased effort in face-to-face community engagement and more presence at events for Maori Electoral Option and 2023 Enrolment Update Campaign (unable to organise or attend events in 2020 due to Covid-19 pandemic), it is expected that there will be no major increase in the number of special declaration votes this year. More electors, hopefully, will enrol and update their details in time for the print-out of the electoral rolls.

5 Building your electorate team

Refer to Section 7 of Chapter 4 in the operations manual to complete this section

ESTABLISH THE RIGHT TEAM CULTURE

Building a supportive and collaborative team culture at the onset is crucial to high-performance, confident decision-making and proactive interaction. The values, beliefs, behaviors, and attitudes shared by the team will lead towards the successful delivery of the 2023 General Election.

We are all guided by the Electoral Commission's **TAUMATA** values of **Tūhonotanga** (bringing people together to increase participation in democracy), **Aratakina** (knowledge transfer - guiding towards greater understanding), **Uakaha** (being dynamic and energetic in what we do), **Manaakitanga** (demonstrating generosity and empowering people) and **Tika** (doing things right, doing the right things).

Each value is equally important and complements each other, and what it will look like in practice will evolve based on the professional and personal experiences of the team.

MAINTAIN CLEAR COMMUNICATION CHANNELS

Encourage open communication by providing a safe space where the team can share information in a transparent, honest and consistent manner.

- Combination of regular informal/formal meetings and get-togethers with team on all levels to update on work progress, share ideas, initiatives and raise concerns.
- Have an open-door policy for the Electorate leadership team.
- Task or assignment deadlines are clear and must be adhered to.
- Ask team for feedback followed by proper action, if necessary.
- Make the team aware of escalation process at an electorate level that will set boundaries and channels of decision-making in order to solve problems quickly and with clarity.

MANAGE TEAM AND INDIVIDUAL PERFORMANCE

Any team is only as strong as its weakest member. It is important to set everybody up for success and as Electorate Manager, my responsibilities to my team are:

- Stress importance of doing things right the first time and ensure processes are followed.
- Emphasize importance of accountability, traceability, and pride in work accomplishments.
- Identify where the gaps are in the team with regard to skillset to guide next steps in the recruitment of other team members.
- Encourage and support team to raise issues when mistakes happen, so it can be rectified, or its effects mitigated.
- Empower every member of the team so they can identify situations where they can exercise confident decision-making vs situations where they need to escalate issues.
- Inform, enforce, and monitor Health and Safety guidelines at Headquarters and out in the field - it is everybody's responsibility.
- Identify individuals who can perform other roles in the lead up to the election period and for post-election activities.
- Celebrate every success however small or big they are.

<p>Maori as a target group for HQ support and voting place employment</p>	<p>Utilise connections and partnership with Maori groups and community hubs to explore how they can proactively assist on recruitment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Manurewa Marae • The Pride Project Aotearoa • Te Kaha o Te Rangatahi • Hāpai Tūhono <p>Request the Community Engagement Team to share key messages at network meetings that targets the Maori community.</p>
<p>Voting Places as a possible channel for recruitment</p>	<p>Encourage site contact to spread recruitment messages to people who attends events or frequently visit their venues for various reasons.</p>
<p>Recruitment of a large number of staff for a short period of time</p>	<p>Exploratory discussions with government and community groups to spread key messages on recruitment.</p> <p>Clear and concise text should go out to networks. In-language versions of messages, if available from National Office, will be beneficial for certain groups.</p>
<p>Management of a large-scale recruitment during screening tests and interviews</p>	<p>Methodical and organised logistical planning at HQ to ensure processes are observed.</p>

4.2 Identifying your approach to meeting your recruitment needs

Refer to Section 6.2 of Chapter 4 in the operations manual to complete this section.

Identified issue or target employment group	Strategy
<p>Voting team should reflect diversity and demography of area where voting places are located - "like with like" approach</p>	<p>In addition to advertisements that National Office post through traditional and electronic channels, we can explore collaboration work with contacts from government agencies, tertiary institutions, and community groups to encourage recruitment from employment target groups:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ministry of Social Development (establishing connection with Work & Income jobseekers – for full-time and part-time work) • Stats New Zealand (take advantage of end contract for HQ and field staff upon completion of 2023 Census) • Ministry of Ethnic Communities (inclusion of ethnic communities in wider society) • Manukau Urban Maori Authority (MUMA) • Manurewa Marae • Manukau Institute of Technology (MIT) • Auckland University of Technology (AUT) • University of Auckland (UoA) • South Auckland Youth Network (SAYN) comprised of four individual networks with a database of hundreds of members • CNSST Foundation (formerly known as Chinese New Settlers Services Trust) • Belong Aotearoa (supports Newcomers, Migrant and Refugees) • Kahui Tu Kaha (Maori, Pacific, Asian and Muslim Teams) • Le Va (supports Pasifika families and communities) • Disability sector through Whaikaha - Ministry of Disabled People and other groups e.g Real World Living (Enabling Good Lives initiative), Taikura Trust, Spectrum Care, CSS Disability, Transition Schools, etc <p>The Community Engagement Team also works with many key contacts from strategic partners and from both large and small local and regional community groups.</p>
<p>Youth as a target group for voting place and post-election employment</p>	<p>Approach secondary schools, universities, ITOs, PTEs and youth groups within electorate and surrounding areas to spread key messages on recruitment.</p> <p>Use of social media and electronic newsletters.</p> <p>Request the Community Engagement Team to share key messages at network meetings, career days, orientation weeks or during enrolment update campaign presentations.</p>

VOTING PLACES USED IN 2020 BUT NOT IN 2023

Papatoetoe Town Hall	Not used as Advance and Election Day Voting Place for 2023 General Election	Excellent location at Old Papatoetoe Town Centre. However, seismic rating of 15%NBS (IL3) Grade E means that building cannot be used as a voting place.
Holy Cross Catholic Church	Not used as Advance and Election Day Voting Place for 2023 General Election	Area is served by nearby Youthline Manukau for duration of Advance Voting Period and Election Day
St Elizabeth's Anglican Church	Not used as Advance and Election Day Voting Place for 2023 General Election	Area is served by nearby Manurewa Marae, PAK'nSAVE and Te Matariki Clendon Community Centre & Library for the duration of Voting Period
Papatoetoe South School Aorere College	Not used as Election Day Voting Places for 2023 General Election	Building works beside or at school hall renders it unavailable for this year. Papatoetoe South School will be replaced by nearby Malae o Fugatiti as a voting place. Aorere College issued a low number of votes in 2020 and is beside Kedgey Intermediate School (Aorere area) which will be a voting place for Mangere Electorate.

IMPROVING SERVICES TO MAORI		
Manurewa Marae	Advance and Election Day Voting Place	Place of significance to Maori voters, possibility of having electoral staff who can speak Te reo Maori
Rawiri Community Hub	Pop-up Voting Service	Serving a small community with a high number of Maori voters
The Pride Project Aotearoa Mangopare Hub	Will be used as a Recruitment Hub	This is a community led support initiative run out of The Pride Project community house in Clendon/Manurewa to support Maori and Pasifika who might be experiencing challenges in life.
CHURCHES		
St Anne's Catholic Church St Luke's Anglican Church	Advance and Election Day Voting Place	Opening Hours to include Saturdays and Sundays after church service
Malae o Fugatiti	Election Day Voting Place	Alternative voting location for Papatoetoe South School which is unavailable as a Voting Place for 2023 General Election due to major renovation works. Targets Samoan community in South Auckland and surrounding residential areas
SCHOOLS		
Refer to 3.2 for List of Schools as Voting Places	Election Day Voting Places	Most schools were found to be suitable voting places after availability confirmed and site assessments of facilities completed. Only Papatoetoe South School and Aorere College were not available.
OTHER VOTING PLACES		
Baitul Muqueet Mosque	Pop-up Voting Service	Largest purpose-built mosque in New Zealand Target group – ethnic communities
Southmall Shopping Centre	Pop-up Voting Service	Target group – Maori, Pasifika and ethnic communities of all ages

The Warehouse Clendon	Not used as a Voting Place for 2023 General Election	Venue has limited space and not suitable as AVP. Area is already well served by nearby AVPs PAK'nSAVE Clendon and Te Matariki Clendon Community Centre & Library.
PAK'nSAVE Manukau	Not used as a Voting Place for 2023 General Election	Venue has limited space. Area is already well served by nearby AVPs - The Warehouse Manukau, MIT Manukau The Atrium and Westfield Manukau
AUCKLAND COUNCIL VENUES and LIBRARIES		
Papatoetoe War Memorial Library	Advance and Election Day Voting Place	Prominent venue at Old Papatoetoe Town Centre, opposite New World and beside RSA building.
Youthline Manukau	Advance and Election Day Voting Place	Prominent spot along St George Street, near the town centre and also among the residential neighbourhood.
Weymouth Community Centre	Advance Voting Place only	Nearby Weymouth Primary School will be used as an Election Day Voting Place in order to shift catchment area to other residential neighbourhoods in Weymouth.
Wiri Community Hall	Election Day Voting Place only	Venue not necessary to be an advance voting place since area is already well served by three high foot traffic locations at Manukau City Centre during advance voting period: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Westfield Mall Manukau • MIT Manukau Campus • The Warehouse Manukau
Manurewa Library	Advance and Election Day Voting Place	2020 General Election, the venue was used only as an advance voting place. For 2023, venue is available for both advance voting period and election day. Historically, this library was one of the voting places that has always attracted the highest number of votes for both home and shared electorates.
Te Matariki Clendon Community Centre & Library	Advance Voting Place only	On election day, area will be served by nearby Finlayson Park School and Te Mataurangi School.

4 Confirming your voting service

4.1 Finalising your voting service

Use this table to record the outcome of your decision and the rationale behind your decision.

Site name	Outcome	Why
PARTNERSHIP LOCATIONS		
Westfield Mall Manukau Centre Court Event Space	Advance Voting Place only	14m x 6m event space with opening hours for voting to be the same as the mall opening hours (no flexibility to deviate). There is option to move to a shop unit inside the mall if one becomes available nearer to election period. Shop unit is preferred as there are less associated security risks, hence easier to manage compared to an open venue.
MIT Manukau - The Atrium	Advance Voting Place only	Location is ideal size for a voting place, visible from main thoroughfare and the perfect catchment area for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Auckland commuters taking trains and buses (Manukau Bus Terminal) • MIT Manukau students, teachers and staff • Employees at surrounding office buildings, eating establishments and shopping mall • Electors spending leisure time at adjacent parks and playground • Electors living at nearby emergency housing (M Central)
The Warehouse Manukau	Advance Voting Place only	Venue is visited frequently by our target community i.e those with low enrolment and low electoral participation rate (Maori, Pasifika and Youth). This is a high foot traffic area.
PAK'nSAVE Clendon	Advance Voting Place only	Venue is located within Clendon Town Centre and visited frequently by our target community i.e those with low enrolment and low electoral participation rate (Maori and Pasifika). This is a high foot traffic area.

Manurewa	10	25 hours	n/a	25/05/2023
Papatoetoe	4	10 hours	n/a	17/05/2023
Puhinui	1	2.5 hours	n/a	29/03/2023
Weymouth	2	5 hours	n/a	29/03/2023
Wiri	3	7.5 hours	n/a	25/05/2023
Manukau City Centre	3	7.5 hours	n/a	20/04/2023

The indicated Time Required only include travelling time, site assessment and completion of M42-Assess. It has not taken into account the possible back and forth email communication with site contacts before an appointment is confirmed.

3.6 Key contacts

To enable your electorate to deliver services, you will need to build strong relationships with key service providers. E.g., Mainfreight.

Organisation	Name	Email/Address	Contact number
NAI Harcourts	Commercial Property Manager		
	- Asst Commercial Property Manager		
	Facilities Manager		
NZ Data			
Mainfreight		<i>Contact through National Office – local contact different for every delivery</i>	
Levco			
FujiFilm	(Technician)		
Spotless			
TIMG	TIMG Auckland Destruction Team		
Police, Fire and Emergency Services			
Manurewa Fire Station		225 Great South Road, Manurewa 2102	09 269 5710
Manukau Fire District Headquarters		15 Lambie Drive, Manukau City Centre 2104	09 262 0764
Manurewa Police Station		14 Halver Road, Manurewa 2102	09 268 5800
Clendon Police Station		488 Roscommon Road, Clendon Park 2103	09 267 9339
Counties Manukau Police Station		42 Manukau Station Road, Manukau City Centre 2104	09 261 1300

Corrections – Probation Officers for electors on home detention	Transactional message on take-away enrolment pack and voting papers
Counties Manukau Police Station, 42 Manukau Station Road, Manukau City Centre 2104	Election Day Voting Team

3.4 Other teams

Voting team services need to be delivered to the following organisations: care homes, hospitals, prisons, defence forces.

Organisation	Size of service
Manukau Surgery Centre, 901 Great South Road, Manukau City Centre 2104 The Surgery Centre provides multi-disciplinary inpatient care for South Auckland residents. They perform surgery services for patients who are not expected to need access to intensive care or interventional radiology.	Mobile Voting Team 78 Inpatient beds
CARE HOMES	Mobile Voting Team
Erin Park Rest Home & Hospital, 50/60 Russell Road, Manurewa 2012	Approx 120 beds
Ultimate Care Manurewa, 39 Great South Road, Manurewa 2102	Approx 50 beds
Bupa Hayman Rest Home & Hospital, 39 Trevor Hosken Drive, Wiri 2104	Approx 110 beds
Bethesda Care, 743 Great South Road, Wiri 2104	Approx 90 beds
Palms Home & Hospital, 56 Puhinui Road Manukau Auckland 2104	Approx 60 beds
Papatoetoe Residential Care, 3 Fairview Road, Papatoetoe 2025	Approx 30 beds
Kenderdine Park, 26 Kenderdine Road, Papatoetoe 2025	Approx 40 beds
PRISONS	Mobile Voting Team
Auckland Region Women’s Corrections Facility, 20 Hautu Drive, Wiri 2104	139 remand and 138 sentenced prisoners
Auckland South Corrections Facility, 21 Kiwi Tamaki Road, Wiri 2104	857 sentenced prisoners
<i>Detailed plan of the voting service delivery to these locations will be finalised in consultation with site contacts. Actual size of the required service will be confirmed prior to visit.</i>	

3.5 Planning

To complete the assessment of all potential voting places, you will need to plan how you complete these by end of April.

Area	Number of potential voting places	Time required	Resources required	Completed by
Clendon Park	5	12.5 hours	n/a	17/05/2023

Papatoetoe	Papatoetoe War Memorial Library, 30 Wallace Road, Papatoetoe 2025 Youthline Manukau, 145 Saint George Street, Papatoetoe 2025
Weymouth	Weymouth Community Hall, 11 Beihlers Road, Weymouth 2103
Wiri	Rawiri Community Hub, 1 Rata Vine Drive, Wiri 2104 (Pop-up Voting Place) Baitul Muqueet Mosque, 20 Dalgety Drive, Wiri 2104 (Pop-up Voting Place)

ELECTION DAY

Locations	Possible sites
Clendon Park	Manurewa Marae, 81 Finlayson Avenue, Clendon Park 2103 Te Matauranga School Hall, 206 Finlayson Avenue, Clendon Park 2103 Roscommon School Hall, 23 Burundi Avenue, Clendon Park 2103
Manurewa	Manurewa Library, 7 Hill Road, Manurewa 2102 St Luke's Anglican Church Hall, 3 Russell Road, Manurewa 2102 St Anne's Catholic Church, 126 Russell Road, Manurewa 2102 Hillpark School Hall, 57 Grande Vue Road, Manurewa 2102 Finlayson Park School Hall, 85 John Walker Drive, Manurewa 2102 Rowandale School Hall, 73 Rowandale Avenue, Manurewa 2102 Homai School Hall, 89 Browns Road, Manurewa 2102 James Cook High School Hall, 18 Doctor Pickering Avenue, Manurewa 2102 Clendon Park School Hall, 145 Rowandale Avenue, Manurewa 2102
Papatoetoe	Malae o Fugatiti, 80 Wyllie Road, Papatoetoe 2025 Papatoetoe West School, 1-3 Hillcrest Road, Papatoetoe 2025 Papatoetoe War Memorial Library, 30 Wallace Road, Papatoetoe 2025 Youthline Manukau, 145 Saint George Street, Papatoetoe 2025
Puhinui	Puhinui Primary School Hall, 116 Puhinui Road, Papatoetoe 2104
Weymouth	Weymouth Primary School Hall, 23 Evans Road, Weymouth 2103
Wiri	Wiri Community Hall, 15 Inverell Avenue, Wiri 2104

3.3 Other services

Voting services need to be delivered to the following organisations, institutions, groups, remote communities or at the following public events.

Organisation, institution, groups and public events	Type of service required
Rawiri Community Hub, 1 Rata Vine Drive, Wiri 2104	Pop-up Voting Services
Baitul Muqueet Mosque, 20 Dalgety Drive, Wiri 2104	Pop-up Voting Services
Women's Refuge / Soup Kitchen	Deliver key transactional information only
Emergency Housing	MCentral is an emergency housing location across the road to MIT The Atrium which is an Advance Voting Place
AUT South Campus	Pop-up Voting Services

3 Planning your voting services

Based on identified gaps/improvements, detail potential voting places to consider.

3.1 Partnership locations

National Office has worked with key partners around New Zealand to identify locations for advance and Election Day voting places. The partnership locations identified for you are:

Place	Address	Partner organisation
Westfield Manukau Mall Centre Court Event Space (14m x 6m) <i>(with option to move voting place to a shop in the mall if one becomes available in time for advance voting period)</i>	Corner Great South & Manukau Station Roads, Manukau City Centre 2104	Westfield
PAK'nSAVE Manukau * <i>(will not be used as a voting place)</i>	6 Cavendish Drive, Manukau City Centre 2104	Foodstuffs
PAK'nSAVE Clendon *	16 Robert Ross Place, Clendon Park 2103	Foodstuffs
The Warehouse Manukau *	35 Cavendish Drive, Manukau City Centre 2104	The Warehouse Group
The Warehouse Clendon * <i>(will not be used as a voting place)</i>	Corner Roscommon and Palmer's Road, Clendon Park 2104	The Warehouse Group
MIT Manukau Campus The Atrium	Corner of Manukau Station Road & Davies Avenue, Manukau City Centre 2104	Manukau Institute of Technology
* For Manukau City Centre and Clendon areas, it will either be PAK'nSAVE or The Warehouse and not both due to the close proximity of the two locations.		

3.2 Other locations

Advance and Election Day voting places need to be delivered in the geographic locations listed below, in addition to the partnership locations. Voting services might be delivered in the sites:

ADVANCE VOTING PERIOD

Locations	Possible sites
Clendon Park	Te Matariki Clendon Community Centre & Library, 17 Palmer's Road, Clendon Park 2103 Manurewa Marae, 81 Finlayson Avenue, Clendon Park 2103
Manurewa	Manurewa Library, 7 Hill Road, Manurewa 2102 St Anne's Catholic Church, 126 Russell Road, Manurewa 2102 St Luke's Anglican Church Hall, 3 Russell Road, Manurewa 2102 Southmall Shopping Centre, 185/201 Great South Road, Manurewa, 2102

2.5 Hubs and secure storage

Use this section to think and plan how your electorate may use a hub and/or secure storage (if applicable). Refer to section 5 of Chapter 4 in the operations manual when completing this section.

Not applicable for Manurewa Electorate.

13	When and where should weekend hours of voting services be offered?	Weekend hours should be offered at all advance voting places.	Weekend voting at Libraries will match the weekend opening hours of the venue. Saturday and Sunday voting offered at churches to capture voters after church service.
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Hours of service		
10	When and where should hours of voting services be offered?	<p>Centrally and strategically located within the community it serves.</p> <p>Consistency of opening and closing hours for all advance voting places as much as possible.</p> <p>Identify critical days which will give you best opportunity to capture as much voters as possible.</p>
<p>Advance voting places should cater for full-time workers or shift workers who may want to vote at venues located where they live.</p> <p>Voting place at Westfield Manukau will have to strictly follow the mall's opening hours.</p> <p>Saturday and Sunday voting offered at churches to capture voters after church service.</p> <p>Identify suitability, schedule and duration of pop-up voting services after consultation with site contacts.</p>	11	<p>How will you provide a consistent service?</p> <p>Good location, strategically located facilities and friendly & efficient staff to ensure a customer-focused service.</p> <p>Prepare a well-organised Training Plan</p>
12	<p>When and where should extended hours of voting services be offered?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • early morning • late nights 	<p>An Advance Voting Place should open as an Election Day Voting Place as much as possible.</p> <p>Rostered staff at a venue should be in the same voting team as much as possible.</p> <p>Monitor team performance and how well they follow prescribed processes.</p> <p>Late nights should definitely be offered at most advance voting places, especially high foot traffic locations like supermarkets, malls and retail chain.</p> <p>Voting place at Westfield Manukau will have to strictly follow the mall's opening hours with no flexibility.</p>

8	<p>What specialist services do you need to deliver in your electorate?</p>	<p>Mobile Voting Team to Manukau Surgery Centre</p> <p>Mobile Voting Team to two prisons and Takeaway Voting Packs for electors on home detention</p> <p>Mobile Voting Team to Rest Homes</p> <p>Pop-up advance voting places that may be more suitable for specific areas</p>	<p>Ascertain magnitude of the service required for each location early in the planning through discussion with site contacts. It will serve as the guide of the size of the voting team.</p> <p>Health and Safety protocols at these locations should be strictly followed.</p> <p>Limited space voting spaces are now allowed as long as a site assessment is completed, and the location deemed acceptable.</p> <p>In-language resources for communities with high population of Maori, Pasifika and Ethnic communities should be available through the Mobile Voting Team.</p>
9	<p>Where and what shared electorate voting will be offered to meet the demand of voters?</p>	<p>Shared Electorate voting will be offered at voting places along electorate boundaries.</p> <p>For those, not along boundaries, historical data should be studied that will indicate where shared electorate voting should be offered.</p>	<p>Shared Electorate Voting offered by Manurewa will, generally, be for Panmure-Otahuhu, Mangere, Takanini and Botany. Geographically, these electorates share boundaries with Manurewa.</p> <p>Westfield Manukau, MIT/Manukau Train Station and The Warehouse Manukau are visited by people coming from different areas of Auckland. The number of special votes taken for other electorates in 2020 will determine the shared electorate voting that will be offered in 2023.</p>

6	Where are the high foot traffic locations and major transportation routes neighbouring my electorate?	<p>Botany Electorate Botany Junction and Ormiston Shopping Centre Panmure-Otahuhu Electorate Hunters Corner Town Centre, Papatoetoe Train Station, Middlemore Hospital and Middlemore Train Station Takanini Electorate Auckland Botanic Gardens, Manukau Sports Bowl (during an event, otherwise not a high foot traffic location) and Te Mahia Train Station Major Transportation Routes Great South Road, Auckland Southern Motorway and Southwestern Motorway</p>	Understand, assess and plan how high foot traffic locations, train stations and major transportation routes will affect shared electorate voting inside and outside Manurewa Electorate.
Services offered		<p>In 2020 General Election, Manurewa Marae was not used as a voting place and community hubs were a “no-go” zone since health protocols cannot be observed at smaller confined spaces.</p>	<p>There will be major changes in how we approach delivery of voting services to Maori. Manurewa Marae is now a potential voting place. Rawiri Community Hub and other community whare are also potential locations to offer voting services.</p> <p>With the advice and assistance of Community Advocates, community groups who may be able to assist with recruitment will be contacted.</p> <p>Voting staff who understands Tikanga Maori and are Te reo speakers will help to encourage participation from their own community.</p>
7	What voting services will be provided to meet the needs of Māori voters?		

3	<p>What businesses and/or organisations which are significant employers in my electorate? E.g., forestry, manufacturing, large office buildings</p> <p>Note: all voting services must be accessible to the general public and not behind locked doors (excluding hospitals, care homes etc).</p>	<p>Office staff, workers at manufacturing facilities, government employees and in education at MIT, AUT and other tertiary institutions.</p>	<p>Tertiary organisations are potentially effective voting places as youth is one of our main target groups.</p>
4	<p>What are the geographical challenges for voters in my electorate to access voting services?</p>	<p>The major challenge in the Manurewa Electorate is traffic congestion. Although the area is quite geographically compact, the high growth of development in the past years has resulted in traffic congestion within and around neighbouring suburbs.</p>	<p>Location and the spread of voting places are crucial.</p>
5	<p>What has changed in my electorate since GE2020?</p>	<p>High number of on-going residential developments (in different stages) which, depending on their scheduled completion date, may affect electoral landscape at localized areas.</p> <p>New large scale residential development in the neighbouring suburbs of Takanini and Flat Bush.</p> <p>Shopping malls have upgraded their facilities after the Covid-19 pandemic to entice people to go out shopping and to dine out again.</p>	<p>Expect high foot traffic locations like malls and supermarkets to issue a high number of shared electorate votes. It seems that, under the current climate, Auckland residents do not mind travelling far distances to go out shopping or to dine out.</p>

	<p>at voting places in 2020. This resulted in having the highest number of special votes cast in the country.</p> <p>According to latest information (April 2023), 8,525 eligible electors are not on the roll.</p>	<p>Enrolment support is required by the Advance Voting Team during visits to the two prisons and the larger rest homes (advance voting period).</p>
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2.4 Voting services

Refer to the questions in section 4.4 of Chapter 4 in the operations manual when completing these questions.

Locations of service		
1	<p>Where are the high foot traffic areas within your electorate? e.g., malls</p>	<p>High foot traffic locations are Westfield Manukau, town centres, supermarkets, retail chain, a number of train stations and the Manukau Bus Terminal</p>
2	<p>What are the major transportation routes within your electorate?</p>	<p>There are a large number of people who travel to and from Manukau City Centre either by private cars, bus or train.</p> <p>Four train stations are located within Manurewa Electorate - Puhinui, Homai and Manurewa Train Stations. There is also Manukau Train Station which is directly opposite the Manukau Bus Terminal.</p> <p>High foot traffic locations will be earmarked as advance voting and election day voting places whenever possible. These locations are also near the motorway and visited by local residents and other Aucklanders.</p> <p>Transport hubs are now good options to locate a voting place.</p> <p>Manukau Train Station (opposite Manukau Bus Terminal) is the perfect location for an advance voting place.</p>

		<p>Manurewa, Clendon and Old Papatoetoe Town Centres</p> <p>Recreational Centres, Parks and Sports Fields e.g., Mountfort Park, Manurewa Pools and Leisure Centre, Hayman Park and Rainbow's End</p>	
Turnout considerations			
6	<p>What are my electorate's turnout rates?</p>	<p>The 2020 General Election average voting turnout in Manurewa Electorate fell below the national average.</p> <p>Certain suburbs had a higher turnout rate than other areas. These are Hillpark North and South (highest at 77%), Puhinui, Manukau Central, Papatoetoe and Weymouth South.</p> <p>Those with a lower turnout rate are Wiri, Homai, Rowandale, Burbank and Clendon.</p> <p>Clendon Park East had the lowest turnout rate with only 56%.</p>	<p>The ethnic make-up of specific areas may be a factor that contributed to the low turnout rates in 2020. To encourage people to vote, places of significance and high foot traffic locations should be used.</p> <p>Again, there were limitations in 2020 that will no longer apply to 2023. The use of shopping malls, train stations, supermarkets, retail chain and community hubs will improve general voting turnout rates.</p> <p>PAK'nSAVE Clendon, Manurewa Marae and Te Matariki Clendon Library as advance voting places will, hopefully, improve the turnout rate for Clendon Park East.</p>
7	<p>What are my electorate's enrolment rates?</p>	<p>Enrolment rates in Manurewa Electorate in 2020 fell below the national average.</p> <p>Youth enrolment (ages 18-24 years old) is only at 51.38%.</p> <p>Manurewa Electorate has a transient population and the highest amount of enrolment forms taken</p>	<p>Enrolment Update Campaign by the Enrolment Processing Team which starts end July, hopefully, will increase enrolment rate and accuracy of voter details.</p> <p>The Community Engagement Team will have to proactively encourage people to enrol and update their details.</p>

Demographic considerations		
4	What is my electorate's ethnic make-up?	<p>Diversity in Manurewa Electorate European at 29.2%, Māori at 26%, Pasifika at 36.3% and Asian at 25.4% (data from Auckland South Regional Plan based on local board area). The median age is 29.5 years old.</p> <p>Although Manurewa Electorate is comprised of several ethnicities, Māori represents a significant proportion of its usual residents. The median age of Māori in the region is 23.5 years old.</p> <p>At the 2018 Census there were 181,194 usual residents in Tāmaki Makaurau who identified as Māori (11.5% of Auckland's population). This is an increase of 38,430 people, or 26.9%, since the 2013 Census. The Māori population has grown more rapidly than the wider Auckland population.</p> <p>There is also a high population of Indians in the Papatoetoe area.</p>
5	Where are young people located?	<p>This information will serve as a guide on how the staffing of voting places will look like. People will engage and feel more encouraged to participate if the team facing them from the other side of the table reflect their community.</p> <p>In 2020 General Election, there were some limitations in the selection of voting places due to Covid 19. There are now more opportunities to explore other avenues to improve voting turn-out rates through high foot traffic locations and pop-up voting places that will cater to the general population.</p> <p>Capitalise on this information by locating advance and election day voting places at or near these locations.</p> <p>Consider Pop-up voting places at localised areas to increase voter participation.</p> <p>Secondary schools and tertiary institutions provide opportunity for recruitment</p>

2	<p>What are the logistical challenges of my electorate's geography?</p>	<p>The major logistical challenge is traffic congestion. Although the area is quite geographically compact, regular in shape and most suburbs are no farther than 6 kilometres from the centre of the electorate, the high growth of development in the past years has resulted to traffic congestion within and around neighbouring suburbs.</p> <p>There are also a high number of on-going residential developments (in different stages) which, depending on their scheduled completion date, may affect electoral landscape at localized areas before start of election period.</p>	<p>Keep an eye on new residential developments and assess its effects on the electoral landscape.</p> <p>Location and distances of voting places from each other should be strategic. Have a back-up plan in case additional resources or staff are required in a short amount of time.</p> <p>Opportunities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Headquarters located within electorate will alleviate travel time for training and movement of staff or supplies in case volume exceeds expectations. • Geographically compact with high density population, therefore, each voting place has a high catchment area but will be easily accessible during non-peak hours • Easily available bus routes and train stations
3	<p>What will my electorate need to do to recruit the most appropriate staff?</p>	<p>Recruit voting staff who will reflect the community the voting places serve. Identify where the target communities are – Maori, Pasifika, Ethnic Communities, Disability sector, etc.</p> <p>Make youth as an employment target group for election day and HQ post-election activities.</p> <p>Properly manage the bulk recruitment in July which will involve screening tests and interviews.</p> <p>Refer to 4.2 for a more detailed approach through collaboration with other organisations.</p>	<p>Advertise and spread recruitment key messages as early and as far wide as possible.</p> <p>Collaborate with community leaders/advocates to identify groups that can assist in recruitment.</p> <p>Community Engagement Team can assist to deliver messages at events and network meetings.</p> <p>Encourage staff, students and parents to work at schools that may potentially be voting places.</p> <p>Utilise notice boards and electronic newsletters</p>

2.3 Key characteristics

Refer to the questions in section 4.3 of Chapter 4 in the operations manual when completing these questions.

Q#	Question	Identify	So what?
1	<p>My electorate and how I fit into my region</p> <p>How does my electorate fit into the regional plan for delivering voting services?</p>	<p>Auckland is the most ethnically diverse region in New Zealand with 53.5 percent identifying as Europeans, 28.2 percent as Asian, 11.5 percent as Māori, 15.5 percent as Pacific Islanders, and 2.3 percent as Middle Eastern, Latin American or African (MELAA). One in four residents was born overseas.</p> <p>Since a large portion of the population comes from different cultural backgrounds, it is therefore assumed that they come from different political backgrounds as well. This will affect, partly or largely, how we deliver our voting services to specific areas in the electorate.</p> <p>Māori represents a significant proportion of the usual residents in some of the suburbs of Manurewa. In order to improve how we deliver services to Māori, it is time to implement the feedback received from consultations with their Community Leaders.</p>	<p>Service delivery for Manurewa Electorate will directly align with the Auckland Regional Plan. Special attention will be given to the following collective goals in the region:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Target groups – Youth, Maori, Pacific peoples, CALD communities and hard-to-reach groups • Improved service delivery to Maori in order to increase awareness and electoral participation • Increased Enrolment and voting turn-out rates for Manurewa and its neighbouring electorates • Careful selection of voting places and list of shared electorates offered • Recruitment of staff that reflect demography of the community • Identify logistical challenges at voting places including security of materials, information, staff and places at headquarters, at voting places and in transit <p>Planning of service delivery should include how best we can support other electorates to meet their targets through shared electorate voting.</p>

2 Electorate overview

2.1 Overview

Region	Auckland South	
Electorate profile	Urban	
Home Māori electorate(s)	Tamaki Makaurau	
Neighbouring electorates	Mangere, Panmure-Otahuhu, Takanini and Botany	
Shared electorates	Manurewa electorate will provide services for other electorates voters	Other electorates will provide services for Manurewa electorate voters
	Mangere	Mangere
	Panmure-Otahuhu	Panmure-Otahuhu
	Takanini	Takanini
	Botany	Botany

2.2 Enrolment and turn-out rates

This table compares the nationwide 2020 enrolment and turn-out rates with your electorate's rates.

	Nationwide average in 2020	Your electorate in 2020	Your electorate compared to the nationwide average
Enrolment rate	94.0%	85.3% (Youth enrolment is 51.4%)	-8.7%
Turn-out rate	82.2%	69.8%	-12.4%
Turn-out split (AV% vs ED%)	AV : 68% ED : 30%	AV : 70% ED : 30%	AV : +2% ED : 0%

From: [Karl Le Quesne](#)
To: [DL Executive Leadership Team](#)
Subject: FW: Draft Advance Voting and Election Day Voting Places
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Attachments: [image001.png](#)

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FYI

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FYI

From: Secretary Te Pati Māori <secretary@maoriparty.org.nz>
Sent: Thursday, July 20, 2023 12:28 AM
To: Returns [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: Draft Advance Voting and Election Day Voting Places

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Kia Ora Returns Team,

We have no issues with the current proposed list.

We are interested in confirming the "Placeholder" ones that are identified.

Please advise when this is done.

Please contact me if you have any queries.

Ngā Mihi

Lance Norman
Secretary
Te Pāti Māori

Moblie: [REDACTED]

On Fri, 30 Jun 2023 at 15:27, Returns [REDACTED] > wrote:

30 June 2023

Tēnā koutou katoa,

Please find attached a spreadsheet listing the draft advance and Election Day voting places for your feedback by **Monday 17 July 2023**.

The draft list is as of 20 June, with further voting places likely to be confirmed in the coming weeks. The spreadsheet has two tabs, one for Advance Voting and one for Election Day Voting.

The Commission releases this information to parties earlier than to the general public to give parties an opportunity to provide feedback and to assist parties with internal planning. Please keep this information confidential because we want to communicate it to the voting public once the voting places have been finalised.

Encouraging participation

One of our statutory objectives is to facilitate participation in Parliamentary elections. One way we achieve that is providing services that are easy for people to access and are simple to use. This contributes to high rates of participation in elections.

For this election the Commission has worked with PAK'nSAVE store owners in the North Island and The Warehouse nationally to provide voting services in their stores. These locations provide convenient opportunities for people to vote, and where we have used such locations in the past (e.g. in shopping centres, which we will use again this election), we have received a large number of votes.

To address areas of low turn-out, the Commission has also implemented a community led approach to provide voting services informed by their local community. This means offering voting services in locations and on dates and times suitable to local communities. We are also working with these communities to recruit local people to work in our voting places.

Voting places open on Election Day

There may be instances on Election Day where we cannot conduct the preliminary count of votes in the actual voting place because it is still open to the public. For example, voting places within PAK'nSAVE stores. In these circumstances, the preliminary count will either be conducted securely nearby within the same building complex, or undertaken in an electorate headquarters. In such cases, the Electorate Manager will give notice to the constituency candidates or their scrutineers at the voting place, and afford the scrutineers present at the voting place the opportunity to accompany the ballot boxes to the counting place and observe the preliminary count.

Placeholders

You will notice in the spreadsheet that there are a number of sites described as 'Placeholders'. This is where a desirable location is known but a suitable venue has not yet been either identified or confirmed.

Assessing voting places

All voting places are assessed for suitability against standard assessment criteria and the proximity of other voting or advance voting places. The attached 'Voting Place Assessment Criteria' document lists the criteria used.

You will be provided with a final list of voting places and the coordinates for the sites by 6 September.

Next steps

Should your party wish to provide feedback, please do so through **one central point of contact who can speak on behalf of the party**. This will help ensure that each party has oversight of feedback that is being given for the party and means we can work through any comments in an efficient way.

All feedback should be emailed to [REDACTED] with the subject heading "Voting Places, Attn: Director, Voting Services" before the close of business on **Monday 17 July**. Please do not go directly to an Electorate Manager with your feedback.

We will carefully consider your feedback and act in response to it where possible.

As mentioned above, after final checks in August, confirmed advance and Election Day voting places will be released publicly via www.vote.nz on 6 September. This information will also be available from our call centre and will be included in the EasyVote information packs sent to all enrolled voters.

Nāku noa, nā

Anusha

Anusha Guler (she/her)

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Table 1: Summary of Data	
Category	Value
Item 1	100
Item 2	200
Item 3	300
Item 4	400
Item 5	500
Item 6	600
Item 7	700
Item 8	800
Item 9	900
Item 10	1000

(Copy and paste sections as needed)

Description of route	Electorate HQs to be visited	Approx. timing of visit
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e.g., Van 1 / Southern loop		

e.g., Van 2 / Northern loop		

Van 1		

Part 7 – Returning shared electorate materials

Reference:

Chapter	Section	Process
14 – Logistics	7	Returning shared electorate materials
24 – Sort and send	2.5	Returning shared electorate materials to their home electorate

Your planning will feed into a regional logistics plan for returning shared electorate ordinary and special votes between the electorates in your region. This could also extend to shared electorate services between regions.

Early planning and constant communication with your shared electorates will make this process far smoother in a high-stress period.

In your planning remember:

- All voting materials relating to shared electorate ordinary votes should remain in the hands of an electoral official. Do not courier any marked ordinary vote ballot papers.
- As much as it is possible, special votes should remain in the hands of an electoral official.

Category	Information
Transportation mechanism	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Van hire with direct delivery from electorates should always be the preferred mechanism. In the event that driving is not feasible (for special votes only), courier the votes using the tamper-evident bags <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ South Auckland LSMs will confirm location of exchanging shared electorate voting materials.
Number of staff required	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How many staff do you need to complete deliveries in a timely and efficient manner? 4 HQ Staff for two teams. • Remember to ensure that no materials should be left unattended in vehicles.
Other considerations	<p>Discuss your plan with the electorates that are issuing your votes or you are issuing for, it may be easier to coordinate a plan together.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ South Auckland LSMs will confirm location of exchanging shared electorate voting materials.

High level drop-off and pick-up routes for shared electorate materials:

Other considerations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plan the MS routes using tools, such as Google Maps (you will put these into each M40-MSPLAN). • How long the drive between VPs is and how long are they expected to spend at each one. • Take into account: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ availability of parking and distance to VP ○ how busy the VP is likely to be <p>Mobile Support will be accompanied by an HQ support if transporting ballot papers.</p>
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High level routes:

Mobile Support 1 / Driver 1	
Mobile Support 2 / Driver 2	
Mobile Support 3 / Driver 3	
Mobile Support 3 / Driver 3	

Part 6 – Planning for your Mobile Support

Reference:

Chapter	Section	Process
14 – Logistics	6	Planning for your mobile support
12 – Voting Services Preparations	17	Briefing mobile support
22 – Election day and night	3	Planning for your Election Day mobile support

You will have Mobile Support (MS) both prior to and on Election Day. The primary role of MS is to provide support to the VPM, though they may also be required to undertake other logistics-related activities.

Make a high-level plan of how many Mobile Supports you will need, taking into account the number of voting places you have, the distance they are from each other and the kind of support they will need each day they are open.

Remember:

- not every voting place needs to be visited every day. Support can be made by a phone call
- staff should not be scheduled to work every day of the voting period and the hours worked each day should be reasonable (noting Election Day will be a long day).

Once you have done this, create a daily schedule for each MS using the M40-MSPLAN master form. This will outline the voting places each MS is responsible for, when they will contact them and any other activities they will do.

Consider the following when making your high-level plan, ensuring you are realistic and take distance and driving times into account:

Category	Information
VPs	<p>How many voting places do you have?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ A VPs: 12 AVP ▪ ED VPs: 19 ED VPs <p>How far away are they from each other? How far away are they from the HQ?</p>
Staff members	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How many MS will you need to reasonably cover the voting places? 4 MS will be needed • Rural Electorates: Do you need a driver for the MS due to distance travelled? N/A
What other activities can MS carry out for the VP?	<p>Will MS also be responsible for the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • top up of supplies YES • phase change(s) NO • removal of a full special votes ballot box YES • pick up of enrolment forms and timesheets YES

	<i>All materials will be stored at HQ.</i>
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Pop-up service

A separate set of supplies must be packed for each pop-up service (i.e. the same set of supplies can be used at each of the voting places contained within one pop-up).

Category	Information
Number of teams required to deliver pop-up services	<i>We will have 1 Voting Team for:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>22-301(1) Baitul Muqet Mosque</i> ▪ <i>22-301(2) Rawiri Community House</i>
Service and transportation mechanism	<i>What transportation will be required to deliver your pop-up services?</i> <i>Use own personal vehicle.</i>
Number of staff required	<i>Team of 6 staff.</i>
Other considerations	<i>Where will materials be securely stored overnight (this should be approved secure storage).</i> <i>All materials will be stored at HQ.</i>

Drop-off and pick-up service

Record the supplies used for this service against the set of supplies for one of your care home teams (see Section 2.8 of Chapter 20 – Delivering voting services).

Category	Information
Number of staff required	<i>You will need HQ staff available to:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Create and quality assure voting packs</i> • <i>Drop off and pick up voting packs</i> <i>Not applicable.</i>
Service and transportation mechanism	<i>What transportation will be required to deliver these services?</i> <i>Not applicable.</i>
Other considerations	<i>Not applicable.</i>

Organisations for voters in challenging situations	
Police cells (on Election Day)	

Category	Information
Number of teams required	How many teams will you need to deliver the above services? We will only have one team.
Number of staff required	How many staff will you need to deliver these services? Total of 2 staff.
Service and transportation mechanism	What transportation will be required to deliver these services? Use own personal vehicle.
Other considerations	Where will materials be securely stored overnight (this should be approved secure storage). All materials will be stored at HQ.

Prisons

A separate set of supplies must be packed for prisons.

Category	Information
Number of prisons – and amount of possible votes to be issued in each	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Refer to prisons information on field ECHO Note: these teams will only be issuing special votes, which take longer to issue. We will have 1 Prisons Team for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 22-200 Prison Team 1 – Women (estd 170 votes total) 22-201 Prison Team 2 – Men (estd 260 votes total)
Number of staff required	How many staff will you need to deliver services in prisons? Use own personal vehicle.
Service and transportation mechanism	What transportation will be required to deliver this service? Use own personal vehicle.
Other considerations	Where will materials be securely stored overnight (this should be approved secure storage).

Part 5 – Planning for your Teams

References:

Chapter	Section	Process
14 – Logistics	5	Planning your distribution of materials to temporary services
12 – Voting Services Preparations	5, 6, 7, & 8	Voting teams for: hospitals and care homes, prisons, shelters and Defence Force bases.
5 – Planning your Voting Services	5.6	Pop-up services
12 – Voting Services Preparations	4.4	Drop-off and pick-up of takeaway votes

In your high-level planning consider how many teams you will need and how you will staff them.
 Note:

- The **same** set of supplies can be used to visit care homes, hospitals, Defence Force bases, police cells, other organisations (e.g., homeless shelters) and to issue votes for the drop-off/pick-up service
- A **separate** set of supplies must be used for:
 - Prisons
 - Pop-up services

Once you have completed your high-level plan, complete a M40-VTPLAN for each team.

Teams for care homes / hospitals / Defence Force bases / other organisations / Police cells (Election Day only)

To determine the number of teams you need consider, list the facilities you will be providing services to under each category, then determine possible routes each team could follow taking the distance between the facilities into account.

Category	Information
Care homes	
Hospitals	
Defence Force Bases	

Additional arrangements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>What additional measures do you need to ensure people and materials are kept safe? The hired security guard will accompany them for this move plus any other VP staff that the VPM deems necessary.</i> • <i>How do you need to work with the other electorates that are co-located with your HQ? N/A</i> <p>Note: Ensure all E206 supply boxes are labelled to avoid confusion</p>
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If voting place materials are unable to be returned on Election Night, how will you ensure they:

- are stored securely
- remain in the custody of electoral officials rather than couriers or other contractors
- are returned as soon as possible on Sunday E+1 for post-election processing.

Voting Places – Unable to return supplies on Election Night	Who will return supplies	Where supplies will be kept overnight	HQ delivery timeframe
N/A	<i>e.g., VP manager, agent</i>	N/A	N/A
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
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N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ All other VPs will be in Zone 2 while waiting for their turn. 2 HQ staff will pre-check the packing so VPMs can repack if needed so the return process will be smooth. • Where you share an electorate HQ with other electorates work with them to ensure the return of supplies goes smoothly. N/A • Is there space at your HQ or Hub to have multiple vans returning to drop off supplies? YES <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Can you use other tenants' carparking? YES ○ How will you keep staff safe as vehicles move around your HQ - Staff will use only the foot path around the building. • Consider the workflow of staff returning with supplies for checking through to storing them securely at your HQ in a timely manner. How will this process work effectively? We will have 4 HQ Support staff to return stationery supplies boxes back in their respective tables, voting equipment back to Rooms 9 & 10 and all key voting materials in Zone 4 – Room #2. • Be aware of a bottleneck effect, especially if you are an urban electorate, with multiple VPs returning at a similar time. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ We will be using the Westfield carpark at the return of supplies night. ▪ HQ Support staff will give VPMs a number and guide them where to park. They will be called when to come up the building. In this way there is no bottle neck.
<p>Number of staff required</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Will any staff be required to help VPMs return supplies? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 4 HQ Support staff will bring trolleys to assist in bringing up VP supplies. ▪ How many staff and security will you need at HQ? N/A
<p>Movement of an uncounted preliminary count on Election Night</p>	<p>Note: Voting place staff must move the materials and scrutineers must have the ability to travel with the materials.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Where is the uncounted preliminary count being moved to? Eg, a nearby location or returned to your electorate HQ? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ VP at Westfield Manukau Mall will move uncounted preliminary votes to Manurewa HQ (across the Westfield parking lot) for counting. ▪ What additional support will staff need to do this (e.g., someone else/a team to close up the voting place, etc.) The hired security guard will accompany them for this move plus any other VP staff that the VPM deems necessary.

4.2 Return of supplies on Election Night

Reference:

Chapter	Section	Process
14 – Logistics	4.8	Return of supplies on election night
22 – Election Day and Night	10	Return of voting place supplies to HQ. Includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preparations • Staffing and materials required • Process for receiving and checking supplies)

Plan how supplies and key voting materials will be returned to your HQ on Election Day.

Category	Information
Transportation mechanism	<p><i>Cover off:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Supplies being returned on Election Night</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>VPMs together with their VP staff will return all voting place supplies, equipment and voting materials back to HQ. VPM will decide how many VP staff is needed to transport everything to HQ.</i> ▪ <i>In transporting key voting materials (rolls, ballot papers, stamps, E-81 & E-83, and all ballot boxes), at a minimum the two-man rule applies (VPM and another VP Staff).</i> • <i>Supplies being returned on E+1 if they cannot be returned on Election Night due to geographical challenges,</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>HQSS-Log, HQTL-Log, LSM and additional HQ support will facilitate the collection of voting place equipment at VPs that have pre-arranged E+1 pick-up.</i> ▪ <i>Note: all key voting materials will be returned on Election Night.</i> • <i>Use of hand trucks or trolleys to move boxes containing boxes.</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>HQ Staff will be using trolleys and hand trucks to move all supplies and equipment. We have 5 platform trolleys (300 kg) and 1 hand truck (200 kg).</i>
Layout of HQ	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>How will you set-up your electorate HQ to receive supplies? (Note: consider your site security plan requirements)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>Refer to HQ Layout.</i> ▪ <i>Only authorized HQ staff will be allowed entry in the Secure Zone area to stage supplies and equipment in their designated rooms/areas (Room 9 & 10 in the Secure Zone).</i> ▪ <i>We will temporarily remove the cardboard dividers at the entrance of the Secure Zone to accommodate three stations to receive the return of supplies and equipment.</i>

	HQ. VPM will decide how many vehicles are needed to transport everything to HQ.
Layout of HQ	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How will you set-up your electorate HQ to receive supplies? (Note: consider your site security plan) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Refer to HQ Layout. ▪ Only authorized HQ staff will be allowed entry in the Secure Zone area to stage supplies and equipment in their designated rooms/areas (Room 9 & 10 in the Secure Zone). ▪ We will temporarily remove the cardboard dividers at the entrance of the Secure Zone to accommodate three stations to receive the return of advance supplies and equipment. ▪ All others will be in Zone 2. While wait for their turn, 2 HQ staff will pre-check their packing so the return will be smooth. • Where you share an electorate HQ, how will you work with other electorates to ensure the return of supplies goes smoothly? N/A
Other considerations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How will you keep staff safe during the process. Do you need security guards or increased lighting. N/A • How do you need to work with the other electorates that are co-located with your HQ? N/A • How will you move items, e.g., trolleys, etc. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ HQ Staff will be using trolleys and hand trucks to move all supplies and equipment. We have 5 platform trolleys (300 kg) and 1 hand truck (200 kg).

If voting place materials are unable to be returned by the end of Friday E-1, how will you ensure they:

- are stored securely prior to being delivered to the HQ
- remain in the custody of electoral officials rather than couriers or other contractors
- are returned as soon as possible on Election Day to be included in the early count.

Voting Places – Unable to return supplies on E-1	Who will return supplies	Where supplies will be kept	HQ Delivery timeframe
N/A	<i>e.g., VP manager, agent</i>	N/A	N/A
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Part 4 – Return of supplies to HQ at the end of the voting period

There are two main occasions where significant logistics will be required due to the amount of supplies being returned to the HQ:

1. On Friday E-1, the day before Election Day
2. On Election Night.

Reference:

Chapter	Section	Process
14 – Logistics	4.7	Planning for the return of key voting materials during advance voting.
20 – Delivering Voting Services	6.	Return of Supplies on E-1. Includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preparations • Staffing and materials required • Process for receiving and checking supplies)

4.1 Return of supplies on Friday E-1

This includes the return of supplies and key voting materials from:

- Voting places that close on E-1 and which are not open on Election Day
- All voting places that continue to be open on Election Day, as they will have a phase change immediately prior to Election Day.

In your planning consider:

- If additional staff and/or larger vehicles are needed to help VPMs return supplies

Category	Information
No. of staff	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Will VPMs do this? If not, who? How many people will be needed to pick-up and transport the materials?</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>VPMs together with their VP staff will return their voting place supplies, equipment and key voting materials back to HQ. VPM will decide how many VP staff is needed to transport everything to HQ.</i> ▪ <i>In transporting key voting materials (rolls, ballot papers, stamps, E-81 & E-83, and all ballot boxes used); at a minimum the two-man rule will apply (VPM and another VP Staff).</i> • <i>How many staff do you need at the HQ to receive the materials?</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>There will be three stations set up to receive all voting place supplies, equipment and key voting materials back to HQ.</i>
Transport required	<p><i>e.g. If required, how many vans, personal cars, etc. are needed?</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>VPMs together with their VP staff will return their voting place supplies, equipment and key voting materials back to</i>

<p>Return of enrolment forms from voting places</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Who? VPM with HQSS-Log, HQTL-Log, or LSM</i> • <i>How? Vehicle(s) to be used – car or van depending on the voting place</i> • <i>Other considerations? We will facilitate the return of enrolment forms when voting materials come back to HQ for overnight storage.</i>
<p>Planned resupply (For example, if a voting place cannot securely store all the voting materials it needs, so needs to be resupplied during the voting period)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Who? VPM with HQSS-Log, HQTL-Log, or LSM</i> • <i>How? Vehicle(s) to be used – car or van depending on the voting place</i> • <i>Other considerations? We will facilitate any planned resupply when voting materials come back to HQ for overnight storage.</i>
<p>Emergency resupply of voting places</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Who? The HQSS-Log, HQTL-Log, or LSM with another Logistics HQS will facilitate the emergency resupply at the voting places.</i> • <i>How? Vehicle(s) to be used – car or van depending on the voting place</i> • <i>Other considerations?</i>

Detailed planning will then be required for each of these roles to ensure they are aware of what is required and when (see Part 5 – Managing Teams and Part 6 – Managing Mobile Support).

Process	High level planning information
Phase changes during advance voting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Who? <i>VPM with HQSS-Log, HQTLog, or LSM</i> • How? <i>Vehicle(s) to be used – car or van depending on the voting place</i> • Other considerations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Timing: can multiple VPs be phased at the same time to avoid duplication of effort? We will schedule phase changes when voting materials come back to HQ for overnight storage.</i> ○ <i>While phases may be planned, the unexpected can happen. How and who will respond when an additional phase is required, or one is removed? The HQSS-Log, HQTLog, or LSM with another Logistics HQS will facilitate the phase change at the voting place.</i> ○ <i>How will staff park and securely deliver voting materials? E.g., two people per vehicle The HQSS-Log, HQTLog, or LSM with another Logistics HQS will facilitate the phase change at the voting place.</i> ○ <i>What will be the best time to undertake the phase change and/or remove other voting materials. We will facilitate phase changes when voting materials come back to HQ for overnight storage.</i>
Phase change prior to Election Day <i>Note: this is required at all voting places that are open prior to and on Election Day</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Who? <i>VPM with HQSS-Log, HQTLog, or LSM</i> • How? <i>Vehicle(s) to be used – car or van depending on the voting place</i> • Other considerations? <i>For both ADV & ED voting places, phase change will happen when all Advance Voting Materials are returned to HQ and Election Day Voting Materials are issued.</i>
Removal of special votes ballot box	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Who? <i>VPM with HQSS-Log, HQTLog, or LSM with another Logistics HQS</i> • How? <i>Vehicle(s) to be used – car or van depending on the voting place</i> • Other considerations? <i>We will facilitate phase changes when voting materials come back to HQ for overnight storage.</i> • <i>This may not be a planned activity. How and who will respond when a ballot box needs to be removed? The HQSS-Log, HQTLog, or LSM with another Logistics HQS will facilitate the phase change at the voting place.</i>

22-202 Rest Homes & Hospital Team ■ 7 Rest Homes ■ 1 Hospital – Manukau Super Clinic	Manurewa HQ Level 1, 15 Osterley Way Manukau City Centre	Who? VPM
		How? VPM car
		Timing: after closing time
22-301(1) Baitul Muqteet Mosque Pop-up Voting Team	Manurewa HQ Level 1, 15 Osterley Way Manukau City Centre	Who? VPM
		How? VPM car
		Timing: after closing time
22-301(2) Rawiri Community House Pop-up Voting Team	Manurewa HQ Level 1, 15 Osterley Way Manukau City Centre	Who? VPM
		How? VPM car
		Timing: after closing time

3.4 Other supplies deliveries and pick-ups during the voting period

Reference:

Chapter	Section	Process
14 – Logistics	4.6	Other supplies deliveries and pick-ups
12 – Voting services preparations	15.5	Return of enrolment forms to electorate HQ
20 – Delivering voting services	2.3	Return of phase changes
20 – Delivering voting services	2.4	Removing special votes from voting places during advance voting
Personal Instructions Manuals		Return timesheets regularly to electorate HQs
20 – Delivering voting services	2.5	Resupply of materials to voting places during advance voting

You need to plan for:

- How you will complete known materials movements (eg, planned phased changes, planned resupply)
- How you will manage phase changes on Friday E-1 to prepare for Election Day. This will require a lot of planning and resources in terms of logistics if you have multiple VPs open on E-1 and Election Day. All of these VPs will be completing a more comprehensive change out of material.
- How you will remove special vote ballot boxes when they are full
- How you will regularly pick-up and return enrolment forms and timesheets to HQ
- How you will respond to the unexpected (eg, emergency resupply of voting materials that are running out).

In planning this, consider which staffing mechanism is best to use, e.g. a logistics team/ HQ staff, VP staff, (VPM and VA), MS, LAC – or a combination of these.

22-004 <i>Te Matariki Clendon Community Centre & Library</i>	<i>Manurewa HQ Level 1, 15 Osterley Way Manukau City Centre</i>	<i>Who? VPM</i>
		<i>How? VPM car</i>
		<i>Timing: after closing time</i>
22-005 <i>Weymouth Community Hall</i>	<i>Manurewa HQ Level 1, 15 Osterley Way Manukau City Centre</i>	<i>Who? VPM</i>
		<i>How? VPM car</i>
		<i>Timing: after closing time</i>
22-006 <i>Southmall Manurewa</i>	<i>Manurewa HQ Level 1, 15 Osterley Way Manukau City Centre</i>	<i>Who? VPM</i>
		<i>How? VPM car</i>
		<i>Timing: after closing time</i>
22-007 <i>Papatoetoe War Memorial Library</i>	<i>Manurewa HQ Level 1, 15 Osterley Way Manukau City Centre</i>	<i>Who? VPM</i>
		<i>How? VPM car</i>
		<i>Timing: after closing time</i>
22-008 <i>Manurewa Library</i>	<i>Manurewa HQ Level 1, 15 Osterley Way Manukau City Centre</i>	<i>Who? VPM</i>
		<i>How? VPM car</i>
		<i>Timing: after closing time</i>
22-009 <i>Manurewa Marae</i>	<i>Manurewa HQ Level 1, 15 Osterley Way Manukau City Centre</i>	<i>Who? VPM</i>
		<i>How? VPM car</i>
		<i>Timing: after closing time</i>
22-010 <i>St Anne's Catholic Church Hall</i>	<i>Manurewa HQ Level 1, 15 Osterley Way Manukau City Centre</i>	<i>Who? VPM</i>
		<i>How? VPM car</i>
		<i>Timing: after closing time</i>
22-011 <i>St Luke's Anglican Church Hall</i>	<i>Manurewa HQ Level 1, 15 Osterley Way Manukau City Centre</i>	<i>Who? VPM</i>
		<i>How? VPM car</i>
		<i>Timing: after closing time</i>
22-012 <i>Youthline Manukau</i>	<i>Manurewa HQ Level 1, 15 Osterley Way Manukau City Centre</i>	<i>Who? VPM</i>
		<i>How? VPM car</i>
		<i>Timing: after closing time</i>
22-200 <i>Prison Team 1 – Women</i>	<i>Manurewa HQ Level 1, 15 Osterley Way Manukau City Centre</i>	<i>Who? VPM</i>
		<i>How? VPM car</i>
		<i>Timing: after closing time</i>
22-201 <i>Prison Team 2 – Men</i>	<i>Manurewa HQ Level 1, 15 Osterley Way Manukau City Centre</i>	<i>Who? VPM</i>
		<i>How? VPM car</i>
		<i>Timing: after closing time</i>

3.3 Keeping key voting materials safe overnight

Reference:

Chapter	Section	Process
14 – Logistics	4.5	Securing voting materials overnight

In your planning:

- If you need to move your voting materials to keep them secure overnight, consider how and when materials will be moved.
- What vehicles will you use? (Rental van, car?)
- Which staff will you use? This could be either or a combination of HQ staff (logistics team), VP staff (e.g. Voting Place Manager (VPM) and Voter Assistant (VA)), Mobile Support (MS), Local Area Coordinator (LAC).
- **Note:**
 - Any time you transport marked, uncounted ballot papers, you **must** use two electoral officials.
 - Complete the M55-OVERNIGHT at the receiving location whenever voting materials are moved out of a voting place (page 22 of Chapter 14).
 - Where your overnight storage does not meet the secure requirement you must complete and receive signoff of the exceptions process, using the M41-APPROVE form.

Complete the table below for each voting place during the advance voting period, to outline the logistics required for each.

Voting place	Location delivered to	Pick up/drop off details <i>Include:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Who will pick up/drop off • How will they do this • Timing
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22-001 Westfield Manukau Mall	Manurewa HQ Level 1, 15 Osterley Way Manukau City Centre	Who? VPM
		How? VPM car
		Timing: after closing time

22-002 MIT Manukau Campus	Manurewa HQ Level 1, 15 Osterley Way Manukau City Centre	Who? VPM
		How? VPM car
		Timing: after closing time

22-003 PAK'nSAVE Clendon	Manurewa HQ Level 1, 15 Osterley Way Manukau City Centre	Who? VPM	Who?
		How? VPM car	How?
		Timing: after closing time	Timing

3.2 Delivering voting supplies to other shared electorate HQs

Reference:

Chapter	Section	Process
13 – Equipment and Supplies	12	Māori and shared electorate supplies

In your planning:

- Talk in your region how you will transport the supplies to ensure that materials are, wherever practicable, transported by electoral officials and not by courier. You may decide to do a shared service across electorates, within and (where relevant) between regions.
- Consider how you will transport the supplies (e.g., book one or more vans, a small truck)
- Consider how materials will not be left unattended in vehicles, will two staff members be needed.
- Develop a schedule and route for delivering the supplies.

Category	Information
Transportation mechanism	<i>What kind of transport will be used – truck, van or car</i> • 2 vans
Number of staff required	How many staff members will you need? • Total of 4 Logistics HQ Support Staff
Other considerations	<i>Early planning and constant communication with your shared electorates will make this process far smoother.</i> • To be confirmed

Route planning

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Schedule (Date)	Who (when known)	Voting places / Voting Place Managers that the supplies will be delivered to

<p>Number of staff required</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>How many staff members will you need?</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Total of 6 staff ▪ 2 teams of 3 • <i>Who will do this task? E.g., logistics teams, etc.</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Logistics HQ Support Staff
<p>Other considerations</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All VPMs will help set up their VPs.

Route planning

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Schedule (Date)	Who (when known)	Voting places /voting place managers supplies delivered to					
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15 October	22-025 Wiri Community Hall 15 Inverell Avenue Wiri	[REDACTED] (Venue Hire Coordinator)
		[REDACTED]
		[REDACTED]
15 October	22-002 MIT Manukau Campus cor Manukau Station Rd & Davies Ave Manukau City Centre	[REDACTED] (CSR for Property & Campus Services)
		[REDACTED] Option 1
		[REDACTED]

Part 3 – Managing supplies throughout the voting period

There are a number of different activities to consider in this part:

1. Delivering supplies to voting places prior to the start of voting
2. Delivering voting supplies to other shared electorate HQs
3. Keeping key voting materials safe overnight
4. Other supplies deliveries and pick-ups during the voting period

3.1 Delivering supplies to voting places prior to the start of voting

Reference:

Chapter	Section	Process
14 – Logistics	4.2	Delivering supplies and voting materials prior to the start of voting

Where the HQ is responsible for delivering supplies directly to the voting place or voting place manager, in your planning:

- Consider how you will transport the supplies (e.g., book one or more vans, a small truck)
- Determine the number of staff you need to complete deliveries in a timely and efficient manner, noting that you will likely want to store materials in HQ until the last realistic time to deliver to VP and mobile managers (including supplies hubs)
- Consider how materials will not be left unattended in vehicles
- Develop a schedule and route for delivering the supplies.

Category	Information
Transportation mechanism	What kind of transport will be used – truck, van or car • vans

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13 October	22-025 Wiri Community Hall 15 Inverell Avenue Wiri	(Venue Hire Coordinator)

Route planning – Pick-up

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Daily schedule (Date)	Voting places name and address	Key contacts for voting places
14 October	22-005 Weymouth Community Hall 11 Beihlers Road Weymouth	(Venue Hire Coordinator)
14 October	22-006 Southmall Manurewa 185-201 Great South Road Manurewa	(Town Centre Manager)
14 October	22-003 PAK'nSAVE Clendon 16 Robert Ross Place Clendon Park	(Operations Manager)
15 October	22-001 Westfield Manukau Mall cor Grt Sth Rd & Manukau Station Rd Manukau City Centre	(Retail Partner Experience Executive)
		National Office make arrangements directly with Westfield. Ashton Jones is the NO contact.

Number of staff required	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ How many staff will you need for deliver all your equipment in a safe and timely manner? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>Since we will be hiring 2 vans, we will have two teams of 3 support staff</i> ▪ Which staff will you use to do this? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>We will be utilising Logistics HQ Support staff for delivery and pick up of voting place equipment.</i>
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Route planning – Delivery

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Daily schedule (Date)	Voting places name and address	Key contacts for voting places
1 October	22-001 Westfield Manukau Mall 1 Leyton Way, Manukau City Centre	[REDACTED] (Retail Partner Experience Executive)
		[REDACTED]
		National Office make arrangements directly with Westfield. Ashton Jones is the NO contact.
1 October	22-002 MIT Manukau Campus cor Davies Ave & Manukau Station Rd Manukau City Centre	[REDACTED] (CSR for Property & Campus Services)
		[REDACTED] option 1
		[REDACTED]
1 October	22-003 PAK'nSAVE Clendon 16 Robert Ross Place Clendon Park	[REDACTED] (Operations Manager)
		[REDACTED]
		[REDACTED]
8 October	22-006 Southmall Manurewa 185-201 Great South Road Manurewa	[REDACTED] (Town Centre Manager)
		[REDACTED]
		[REDACTED]
9 October	22-005 Weymouth Community Hall 11 Beihlers Road Weymouth	[REDACTED] (Venue Hire Coordinator)
		[REDACTED]

Part 2 – Delivering and collecting voting place equipment

Reference:

Chapter	Section	Process
14 – Logistics	3	Delivering equipment items to and collecting them from voting places.

If your electorate has decided to deliver and/or pick up equipment items across one or more VPs:

- Consider how you will receive the equipment items into your HQ (scheduled for delivery between 16-30 August)
- Consider how you will repack the equipment items for the voting places they need to be delivered to
- Consider how you will transport the equipment to the voting places (e.g., book one or more vans, a small truck)
- Determine the number of staff you need to complete the drop offs and pick ups in a timely and efficient manner, considering safe time and distances to travel
- Create a schedule and route for delivering and collecting equipment.

Category	Information
Receiving equipment items at HQ	<p><i>Equipment will be delivered on pallets to your HQ between 16-30 August.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Where will you put them in the HQ?</i> <i>Voting Place Equipment will be stored in the Secure Zone Area in Rooms 9 and 10. These rooms are labelled Voting Place Equipment rooms.</i> • <i>Who will help you move the equipment into the HQ?</i> <i>Three HQ Support staff will help carry all VP Eqpt up to Rooms 9 and 10.</i>
Repacking equipment for voting places	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>Where will you pick and pack equipment items for the voting places in your HQ?</i> <i>Voting Place Equipment will be repacked and staged in Zone 3 – Room 1 for delivery to voting places.</i>
Transportation mechanism	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>How will you deliver and/or pick up equipment items?</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>Delivery and pick up will be for 5 A-VPs and 1 ED-VP.</i> ▪ <i>Will ask first the AVPMs and VPM if they are able to help bring VP Equipment to their voting places to lessen the load on Logistics HQ Support staff for delivery and pick up.</i> ▪ <i>Will you need to hire a van or small truck?</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>Will hire 2 vans for the delivery and pick up of voting place equipment.</i>

Ballot Papers	
Category	Information
Other considerations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If ballot papers arrive in pallets, they will be staged in the 1st floor foyer. Two HQ Support staff will be loading the boxes onto trolleys and then watching the remaining boxes for security. Another two 2 HQ Support staff will bring the ballot papers using the lift up to Level 1 and straight into Zone 4 – Room #1.

Electoral Rolls	
Category	Information
Expected delivery timeframes	<i>Dates: TBC</i>
How will HQ be set-up for receipt of electoral rolls	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Refer to HQ layout. When electoral rolls arrive, they will be staged at the ground floor foyer with two HQ support staff watching all the boxes for security while two HQ support staff will load boxes onto trolleys and bring them up to Zone 4 – Room #1. Zone 4 – Room #1 will be setup to receive and check all ballot papers.
Number of staff required for checking	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Manurewa HQ will have 6 HQ staff for the checking of electoral rolls. Staff will arrive an hour before the rolls arrive. We will not need extra security when the rolls arrive.
Other considerations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If electoral rolls arrive in pallets, they will be staged in the 1st floor foyer. Two HQ Support staff will be loading the boxes onto trolleys and then watching the remaining boxes for security. Another two 2 HQ Support staff will bring the rolls using the lift up to Level 1 and straight into Zone 4 – Room #1.

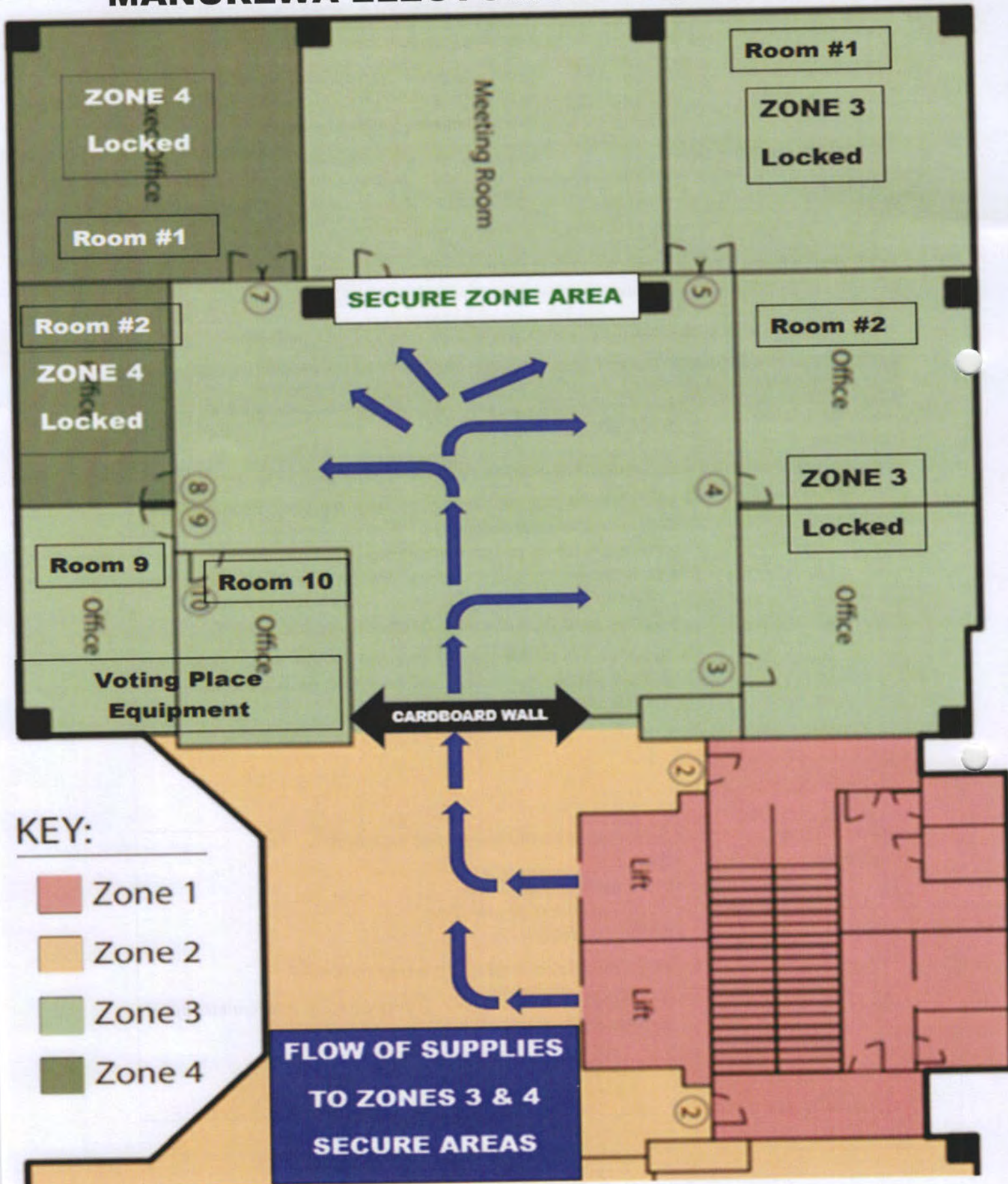
Other considerations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Mainfreight truck will park at the side of the building by The Co-operative Bank facing the Westfield Mall parking area.</i> • <i>The rear of the truck will face Osterley Way corner where the foot path has a gradual slope on to the side of the building. In this way, the pallets can be moved with a pallet jack.</i> • <i>As each pallet is unloaded from the truck, it will either be staged at the side of the building or moved to the foyer where the staff will transfer the supplies on to hand trolleys as the pallets will not fit the lift.</i> • <i>The trolleys with supplies will be brought up to Level 1 and follow the flow of supplies process (see HQ layout).</i> • <i>The Secure Zone (as well as Zones 3 and 4 rooms) have been labelled so everyone will know where to store the supplies.</i> • <i>Other tenants that are open on Saturdays (Co-operative Bank and Kitchen Studio) have been advised of the bulk supplies delivery on 29-July-2023 (Saturday).</i> <p><i>Note: Manurewa Electorate does not share Level 1 with any other electorates.</i></p>
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Other supplies deliveries (e.g., ballot paper and electoral roll deliveries)

Note: You will receive multiple tranches of ballot papers and electoral rolls.

Ballot Papers	
Category	Information
Expected delivery timeframes	<i>Dates: TBC</i>
How will HQ be set-up for receipt of ballot papers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Refer to HQ layout.</i> • <i>When ballot papers arrive, they will be staged at the ground floor foyer with an HQ support staff watching all the boxes for security while two HQ support staff will load boxes onto trolleys and bring them up to Zone 4 – Room #1.</i> • <i>Zone 4 – Room #1 will be setup to receive and check all ballot papers.</i>
Number of staff required for checking	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Manurewa HQ will have 6 HQ staff for the checking of ballot papers.</i> • <i>Staff will arrive an hour before the ballot papers arrive.</i> • <i>We will not need extra security when the ballot papers arrive.</i>

MANUREWA ELECTORATE HQ LAYOUT



Reference:

Chapter	Section	Process
13 – Equipment and supplies	2	Receiving your bulk supplies
13 – Equipment and supplies	14	Receiving key voting material deliveries at electorate headquarters
14 – Logistics	2	Part 1: Managing supplies deliveries
20 – Delivering Voting Services	2	Managing key voting materials
2 – Your HQ	4.1.1	On-going security

Complete the following information for each of the main deliveries you will receive, this may include deliveries to an external storage site, if you have one:

Bulk supplies (the largest of your deliveries, expect between 12 - 16 pallets)

BULK SUPPLIES	
Category	Information
Expected delivery timeframes:	29 July 2023 @ 8:00 am
How will HQ be set-up for receipt of supplies?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Refer to HQ layout for the flow of supplies in HQ. • Manurewa HQ is on Level 1, 15 Osterley Way, Manukau City Centre (Cuilam Building). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Zone 3 is set up to receive bulk supplies. • Only personnel with security tag can come up and access Level 1. • Secure Zones 3 and 4 have been rekeyed and locked. • Supplies will be brought up to Level 1 from the Ground Floor / foyer where the pallets will be d and supplies loaded into hand trolleys.
Number of staff required:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Manurewa HQ will have 6 staff members: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LSM. • HQ Support TL Logistics. • 4 HQ Support staff members. • EM (if available) • What time should staff be expected to arrive? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff will meet at HQ for a Safety Briefing and walkthrough at 7:00 am.

Organisation	MANUREWA HQ SUPPORT - Logistics
Contact Name	Adam [REDACTED]
Phone Number	[REDACTED]

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Organisation	39 PORT WAIKATO ELECTORATE – LSM
Contact Name	Warren [REDACTED]
Phone Number	[REDACTED]

Organisation	48 TAKANINI ELECTORATE – LSM
Contact Name	Paul [REDACTED]
Phone Number	[REDACTED]

Organisation	66 HAURAKI WAIKATO ELECTORATE – LSM
Contact Name	Robin [REDACTED]
Phone Number	[REDACTED]

Organisation	MAINFREIGHT – SOUTH AUCKLAND
Contact Name	John [REDACTED]
Phone Number	[REDACTED]

Organisation	MANUREWA HQ SUPPORT TL - Logistics
Contact Name	Aaron [REDACTED]
Phone Number	[REDACTED]

Organisation	MANUREWA HQ SENIOR SUPPORT - Logistics
Contact Name	
Phone Number	

Organisation	MANUREWA HQ SUPPORT - Logistics
Contact Name	Adrian [REDACTED]
Phone Number	[REDACTED]

Organisation	MANUREWA HQ SUPPORT - Logistics
Contact Name	Allen [REDACTED]
Phone Number	[REDACTED]

Key Contacts: *E.g., Mainfreight contacts, van hire, logistics staff.*

Organisation	04 BOTANY ELECTORATE – LSM
Contact Name	Dene [REDACTED]
Phone Number	[REDACTED]

Organisation	11 EPSOM ELECTORATE – LSM
Contact Name	Steve [REDACTED]
Phone Number	[REDACTED]

Organisation	21 MANGERE ELECTORATE – LSM
Contact Name	BooYaa [REDACTED]
Phone Number	[REDACTED]

Organisation	23 MAUNGAKIEKIE ELECTORATE – LSM
Contact Name	Kelly [REDACTED]
Phone Number	[REDACTED]

Organisation	25 MT ROSKILL ELECTORATE – LSM
Contact Name	Ken [REDACTED]
Phone Number	[REDACTED]

Organisation	35 PAKURANGA ELECTORATE – LSM
Contact Name	Paige [REDACTED]
Phone Number	[REDACTED]

Organisation	37 PANMURE-OTAHUHU ELECTORATE – LSM
Contact Name	Abhishek [REDACTED]
Phone Number	[REDACTED]

Organisation	38 PAPAKURA ELECTORATE – LSM
Contact Name	Suzanne [REDACTED]
Phone Number	[REDACTED]

22-MANUREWA ELECTORATE

Logistics Plan

By: George [REDACTED] (LSM, Manurewa)

This logistics plan is focused on the Health and Safety of people and the safe and secure movement of equipment, supplies and key voting materials in your electorate, throughout the election period.

It has a particular focus on ensuring that key voting materials are safely managed and moved when:

- receiving your bulk supplies at electorate headquarters (HQ)
- receiving key voting materials at electorate headquarters
- delivering equipment items to and collecting them from voting places (VPs)
- delivering supplies and equipment items to supply hubs
- delivering supplies to the VP prior to the start of voting
- keeping voting materials secure during the voting period
- managing your voting teams, Mobile Support (MS) and the teams that will drop-off and pick-up takeaway votes
- managing voting supplies between shared electorates.

This plan is an integral part of the overall planning for the general election and will contribute to a wider regional logistics plan. Discuss the plan with your Electorate Manager and Regional Advisor, who will approve it.

It also compliments and aligns with the security measures outlined in the Site Security Plan (SSP) for electorate headquarters, voting place assessment (M41-VPASSESS), external storage sites (M41-STORAGE) and the policies and procedures detailed in Chapter 14 of the Operations Manual.

Your M40-LOGPLAN is a live document and should be updated consistently to reflect changes in your delivery model or as new information flows through.

This logistics plan is in seven parts:

- Part 1: Managing supplies deliveries
- Part 2: Delivering and collecting voting place equipment
- Part 3: Managing supplies throughout the voting period
- Part 4: Return of supplies to HQ at the end of the voting period
- Part 5: Planning for your Teams
- Part 6: Managing for your Mobile Support
- Part 7: Returning shared electorate materials

From: [Karl Le Quesne](#)
To: [Martin Rodgers](#); [Kristina Temel](#)
Cc: [Natalie \[REDACTED\]](#); [Anusha Guler](#)
Subject: RE: Further information, and a request, regarding Tamaki Makaurau
Date: Wednesday, 8 November 2023 6:16:00 pm
Attachments: [image001.jpg](#)
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Thanks Martin

We'll work with that.

Karl

From: Martin Rodgers <[REDACTED]@elections.govt.nz>
Sent: Wednesday, November 8, 2023 6:04 PM
To: Karl Le Quesne <[REDACTED]@elections.govt.nz>; Kristina Temel <[REDACTED]@elections.govt.nz>
Cc: Natalie [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@elections.govt.nz>; Anusha Guler <[REDACTED]@elections.govt.nz>
Subject: RE: Further information, and a request, regarding Tamaki Makaurau

Kia ora koutou

Following the meeting with the team in Auckland, I can provide the following information:

1. How we came to select the marae as a Voting Place:

A contact Tekou from the Manurewa Marae spoke to one of our Community Engagement staff at the beginning of the year to see if they could use the Marae as a voting place, this information was passed onto Erin (SE&P) and then a Teams meeting was scheduled to discuss. Erin and Georgia (VS) plus the Community Engagement member meet with Tekou, Hilda and also Tarsh Takutai Kemp from the Manurewa Marae.

At a meeting in February, our community advocates in Auckland also recommended that we use Manurewa Marae along with other marae to improve services not only to Māori but to communities with low engagement. They recommended Papakura, Manurewa, Ruapotaka and Orakei Marae, which we all used during advance and election day voting. The community advocates are Pania [REDACTED] Tautoko [REDACTED] Vriginia [REDACTED] Tracey [REDACTED] Tim [REDACTED] and Rob [REDACTED]

The site was recommended because it had been recently used by government agencies to undertake activities such as COVID 19 vaccinations and to encourage participation in the Census. It is also used as a community hub by virtue of its medical service and food bank.

2. Who was employed to work at the voting place – were any staff from the marae itself.

The marae provided six names of people that could work at the voting place. Four were employed. None were actually staff from the marae – they were people that volunteer there and have employment outside the marae. One other person, who only worked on election day, is on the Board of Trustees for the marae but also is employed outside of it. In total around 14 different people worked in the voting place over the election period.

3. Treating

As per previous correspondence, as soon as we became aware of the association being made between voting and receiving a free hangi, we informed them that access to hangi and any other free items / activities cannot be dependent on voting – and must be available to anyone. They replied and acknowledged this requirement. We are not aware of any further activity that saw free kai being provided only to people that voted.

4. Payments and funding

The electorate manager has followed up repeatedly requesting an invoice for the hire of the marae as a voting place. No reply has been received and so no payment has been made. I confirmed that the marae has not received any funding from SE&P in relation to the GE2023.

I hope this information is helpful. Please let me know if you would like anything further.

Martin

From: Karl Le Quesne <[REDACTED]@elections.govt.nz>

Sent: Wednesday, November 8, 2023 2:55 PM

To: Martin Rodgers <[REDACTED]@elections.govt.nz>; Kristina Temel <[REDACTED]@elections.govt.nz>

Cc: Natalie <[REDACTED]@elections.govt.nz>

Subject: FW: Further information, and a request, regarding Tamaki Makaurau

Hi Martin and Kristina

Some more information for this complaint.

Kristina, they are clear on needing a response while they consider an electoral petition.

Let's check in with Martin on how we expedite a response.

Karl

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Wednesday, November 8, 2023 2:47 PM

To: Karl Le Quesne <[REDACTED]@elections.govt.nz>

Cc: Kristina Temel <[REDACTED]@elections.govt.nz>; Natalie <[REDACTED]@elections.govt.nz>; Dean <[REDACTED]@elections.govt.nz>

Subject: Further information, and a request, regarding Tamaki Makaurau

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Kia ora Karl,

I'm writing regarding the complaint I made on 1 November regarding treating at the Manurewa marae. I wish to provide further information to the Commission in its consideration of that

complaint; bring the your attention to an additional irregularity we'd like the Commission to consider; and make a request as to the timing of the Commission's decision on whether or not to pass these complaints to the police.

Additional information

1. I note some of the Manurewa marae's Facebook live videos appear to have been removed from their Facebook page as at today. I don't know why that might have happened. I understand the Commission may already have downloaded copies of those videos, but we also have copies if needed.

2. Some of the marae's Facebook content, however, has not been deleted as yet. I'd like to bring the Commission's attention to further evidence suggesting the purpose of Manurewa marae's activity was to treat voters:

[In a Facebook Live video on 13 October](#), the marae said:

- It was up to "Activation 11" in a programme of 12 activations (the last one to take place on 14 October, which included a free concert and 1,000 free hangi among other things at the marae)
 - In our view, the fact that this programme was titled as "activations" indicates clearly the purpose of the programme, namely to "activate" people who might not otherwise be active into voting, using the lure of free things to encourage them. Indeed, in this video the free offerings are collectively referred to as the "activations" which even more clearly indicates their purpose. This is important because the marae's intent is an important element of the treating offence.
 - The number and timing of the activations also closely coincide with the period where voting was open with the election, which is a further indication of the programme's intent.
 - The advertising of "activation 12" on election day, which involves 1,000 free hangi and a free concert at a polling booth location, alongside an encouragement to vote at that polling booth, is also treating.

[In a Facebook post on 2 October](#), the marae says:

Come on down to the Marae apōpō (tomorrow) for our RANGATAHI ACTIVATION. A packed full day of Magic and greatness.

We have HIP HOP CLASSES, KARAOKE and much more. Our VOTING station is also open for our whānau over 18 who need to VOTE.

Happening tomorrow Tuesday 3 October from 10AM till 4PM at our Marae.

!!!!!! HANGI, COFFEE, ICE CREAM, HOT DONUTS AND HAIRCUTS.

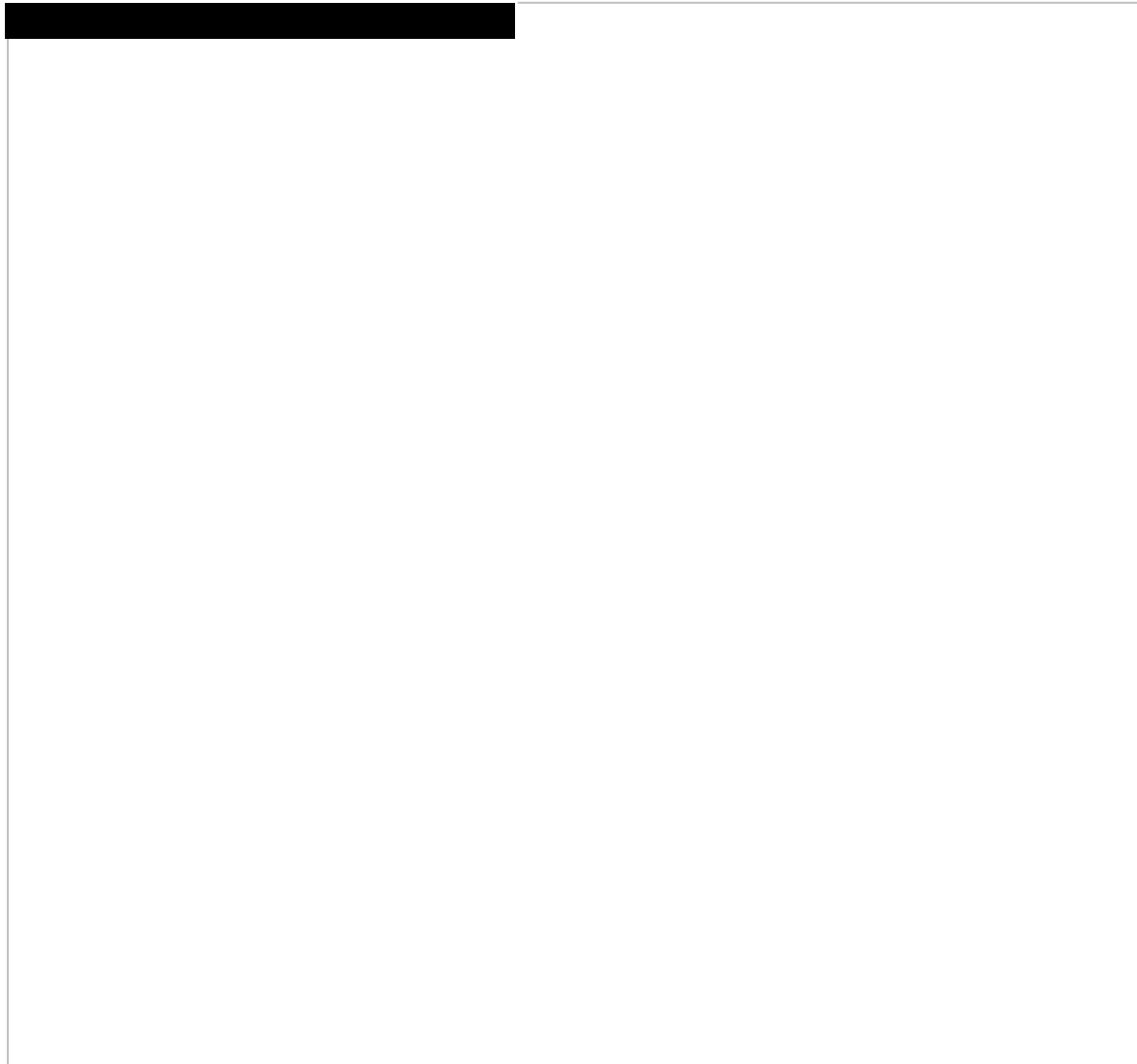
Share with your whānau and come on down!!!

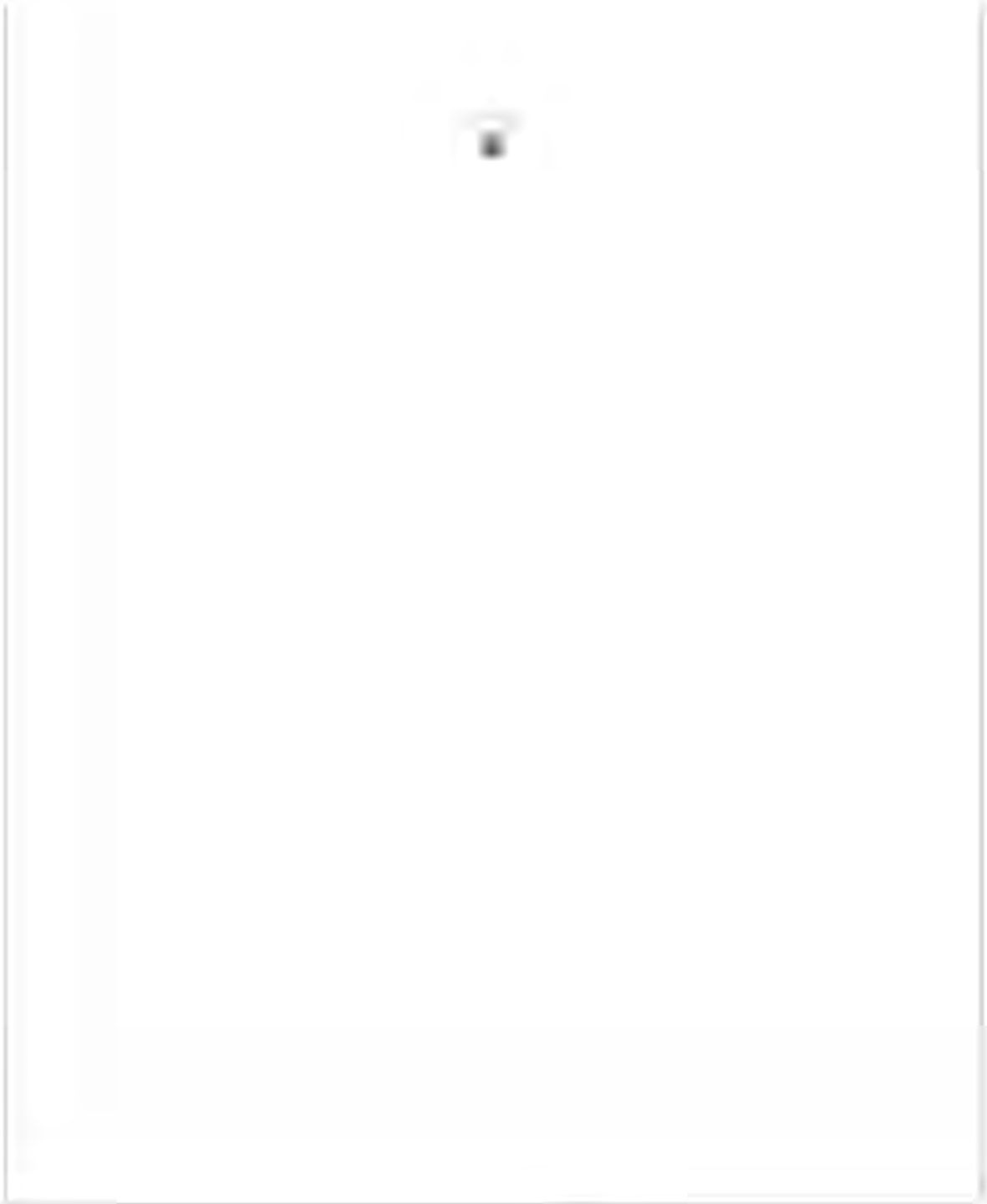
#ManurewaMarae #Rangatahi #Voting

- This post shows that the hours when free things are available at the marae during the 3 October "Activation" are timed to precisely coincide with the hours when the polling booth at the marae was open. Further, the post contains a clear link between casting a ballot and obtaining free hip hop classes, karaoke, hangi, coffee, ice cream, donuts, and haircuts, which is treating.
 - This link between voting and freebies is, of course, made even more explicit in the Facebook Live video the following morning - which I shared with the Commission previously - that outlined a ticketing system the marae used to provide free items specifically for people who cast a ballot at the polling booth located at the marae.

3. Now that the final results have been declared, it is clear that the scale of the potential treating (which the marae itself says runs to thousands of people) is significant enough to affect the election result, where the final margin is four votes. This scale, relative to the margin in the election, makes it even more imperative that this treating is investigated by police.

New irregularity





[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

Timing of Electoral Commission decisions

As you know, [REDACTED] faces a deadline of 1 December to file any electoral petition in relation to Tamaki Makaurau. It would be deeply unjust if that deadline were to pass without all parties knowing the Commission's decision on whether or not to forward these complaints to the police, as that decision may be relevant to any electoral petition.

Our firm view is that it is the responsibility of state agencies, rather than other parties, to pursue potentially corrupt practices in elections, and we ask that the Commission address that responsibility in a timely fashion. We therefore request that the Commission expedite its decision on these matters, and release that decision well in advance of the legal deadline of 1 December for filing any electoral petitions. I also request an update on the Commission's intentions about when it will make a decision, so I can pass that information on to decision-makers within [REDACTED]

Best regards,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]



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From: [Anusha Guler](#)
To: [Karl Le Quesne](#); [Leigh Deuchars](#); [Kristina Temel](#)
Subject: Fwd: Manurewa Marae
Date: Tuesday, 28 November 2023 4:28:04 pm
Attachments: [Timeline for engagement with Manurewa Marae.docx](#)
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From: Shane Whitfield <[REDACTED]@elections.govt.nz>
Sent: Thursday, November 23, 2023 9:57 AM
To: Anusha Guler <[REDACTED]@elections.govt.nz>
Subject: RE: Manurewa Marae

Hi – here is the consolidated document as requested.

Shane

From: Shane Whitfield <[REDACTED]@elections.govt.nz>
Sent: Thursday, November 23, 2023 8:29:52 AM
To: Anusha Guler <[REDACTED]@elections.govt.nz>
Subject: FW: Manurewa Marae

Morning Anusha - here is the additional document mentioned below.

I had a quick scan of the attendees, and all are members of local trusts and boards or have other community focused roles in Auckland.

- [REDACTED] ran unsuccessfully for the Papakura Local Board last year and is listed as being affiliated to Labour.
- [REDACTED] is on the board for Ōrākei marae which is on the list provided by Te Pae Herenga to us back in May.

Shane

From: Shane Whitfield
Sent: Wednesday, November 22, 2023 4:24 PM
To: Anusha Guler <[REDACTED]@elections.govt.nz>
Subject: Manurewa Marae

Kia ora Anusha – please find attached a timeline for our engagement with Manurewa Marae and Te Pae Herenga o Tāmaki. As requested, participants in each of the meetings have provided a brief case note which I have included on the relevant days throughout the timeline in italics.

I have not identified anything new to what I shared in my earlier kōrero with ELT.

I can confirm that, based on the emails and conversations undertaken, we did not have any signed documentation from the Marae regarding using this as a VP - though we did try to get this on several

occasions.

I am waiting on one last piece of information which I thought may be helpful, there was a meeting with community leaders on the 28th of February where we discussed placement of voting places – marae were suggested in this forum. I think having these notes further support our rationale for using Manurewa and other marae, I anticipate getting this sometime tomorrow.

Finally, I have not yet created a shared access file for all this information – OK if I speak with Crispian to set this up and then I can move all the emails and other info into the one place that everyone can access?

Shane

Shane Whitfield (he/him) | Director - Strategic Engagement & Partnerships | **Electoral Commission**

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From: [Tim \[REDACTED\]](#)
To: [Kristina Temel](#)
Subject: FW: Manurewa Marae
Date: Wednesday, 29 November 2023 8:15:09 am
Attachments: [Timeline for engagement with Manurewa Marae.docx](#)
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FYI – I'll add to the complaints and OIA folders.

Ngā mihi,

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From: Shane Whitfield <[\[REDACTED\]@elections.govt.nz](mailto:[REDACTED]@elections.govt.nz)>
Sent: Wednesday, November 29, 2023 8:13 AM
To: Tim [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]@elections.govt.nz](mailto:[REDACTED]@elections.govt.nz)>
Subject: Manurewa Marae

Hi Tim – as discussed, here is the timeline I pulled together.

There is also a bunch of emails, would you like me to pop all those in the folder too? If so can you send me a link!

Shane

Manurewa Electorate

2023 Electorate Plan for Service Delivery

This electorate plan has been broken into the following sections, covering how services will be planned:

1. Voting services expectations
2. Electorate overview
3. Planning your voting services
4. Confirming your voting service
5. Building your electorate team
6. Risks
7. Review

This plan is an integral part of the overall planning for the general election. It is based on your Regional Plan and combines with other electorate plans to provide a regional approach.

List of changes

Version no.	Consulted with / changes made	Date
1.0	Jeremy Kannemeyer (Regional Manager – Auckland South)	22 May 2023
2.0	Final document attached to EMS Task	14 Dec 2023
3.0		

Prepared by Angelica Tuyay Vargas

1 Voting services expectations

My electorate's voting services will:

- 1** Meet the needs of the community
- 2** Be available in locations convenient to voters where they live, work and play
- 3** Prioritise Māori voters, diverse communities and target groups by providing services informed by the community
- 4** Be staffed to reflect the diversity of my local community
- 5** Offer shared electorate voting at locations where voters are expected to vote
- 6** Operate at times convenient to voters, including late nights and weekends

2 Electorate overview

2.1 Overview

Region	Auckland South	
Electorate profile	Urban	
Home Māori electorate(s)	Tamaki Makaurau	
Neighbouring electorates	Mangere, Panmure-Otahuhu, Takanini and Botany	
Shared electorates	Manurewa electorate will provide services for other electorates voters	Other electorates will provide services for Manurewa electorate voters
	Mangere	Mangere
	Panmure-Otahuhu	Panmure-Otahuhu
	Takanini	Takanini
	Botany	Botany

2.2 Enrolment and turn-out rates

This table compares the nationwide 2020 enrolment and turn-out rates with your electorate's rates.

	Nationwide average in 2020	Your electorate in 2020	Your electorate compared to the nationwide average
Enrolment rate	94.0%	85.3% (Youth enrolment is 51.4%)	-8.7%
Turn-out rate	82.2%	69.8%	-12.4%
Turn-out split (AV% vs ED%)	AV : 68% ED : 30%	AV : 70% ED : 30%	AV : +2% ED : 0%

2.3 Key characteristics

Refer to the questions in section 4.3 of Chapter 4 in the operations manual when completing these questions.

Q#	Question	Identify	So what?
My electorate and how I fit into my region			
1	How does my electorate fit into the regional plan for delivering voting services?	<p>Auckland is the most ethnically diverse region in New Zealand with 53.5 percent identifying as Europeans, 28.2 percent as Asian, 11.5 percent as Māori, 15.5 percent as Pacific Islanders, and 2.3 percent as Middle Eastern, Latin American or African (MELAA). One in four residents was born overseas.</p> <p>Since a large portion of the population comes from different cultural backgrounds, it is therefore assumed that they come from different political backgrounds as well. This will affect, partly or largely, how we deliver our voting services to specific areas in the electorate.</p> <p>Māori represents a significant proportion of the usual residents in some of the suburbs of Manurewa. In order to improve how we deliver services to Maori, it is time to implement the feedback received from consultations with their Community Leaders.</p>	<p>Service delivery for Manurewa Electorate will directly align with the Auckland Regional Plan. Special attention will be given to the following collective goals in the region:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Target groups – Youth, Maori, Pacific peoples, CALD communities and hard-to-reach groups • Improved service delivery to Maori in order to increase awareness and electoral participation • Increased Enrolment and voting turn-out rates for Manurewa and its neighbouring electorates • Careful selection of voting places and list of shared electorates offered • Recruitment of staff that reflect demography of the community • Identify logistical challenges at voting places including security of materials, information, staff and places at headquarters, at voting places and in transit <p>Planning of service delivery should include how best we can support other electorates to meet their targets through shared electorate voting.</p>

2	<p>What are the logistical challenges of my electorate's geography?</p>	<p>The major logistical challenge is traffic congestion. Although the area is quite geographically compact, regular in shape and most suburbs are no farther than 6 kilometres from the centre of the electorate, the high growth of development in the past years has resulted to traffic congestion within and around neighbouring suburbs.</p> <p>There are also a high number of on-going residential developments (in different stages) which, depending on their scheduled completion date, may affect electoral landscape at localized areas before start of election period.</p>	<p>Keep an eye on new residential developments and assess its effects on the electoral landscape.</p> <p>Location and distances of voting places from each other should be strategic. Have a back-up plan in case additional resources or staff are required in a short amount of time.</p> <p>Opportunities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Headquarters located within electorate will alleviate travel time for training and movement of staff or supplies in case volume exceeds expectations. • Geographically compact with high density population, therefore, each voting place has a high catchment area but will be easily accessible during non-peak hours • Easily available bus routes and train stations
3	<p>What will my electorate need to do to recruit the most appropriate staff?</p>	<p>Recruit voting staff who will reflect the community the voting places serve. Identify where the target communities are – Maori, Pasifika, Ethnic Communities, Disability sector, etc.</p> <p>Make youth as an employment target group for election day and HQ post-election activities.</p> <p>Properly manage the bulk recruitment in July which will involve screening tests and interviews.</p> <p>Refer to 4.2 for a more detailed approach through collaboration with other organisations.</p>	<p>Advertise and spread recruitment key messages as early and as far wide as possible.</p> <p>Collaborate with community leaders/advocates to identify groups that can assist in recruitment.</p> <p>Community Engagement Team can assist to deliver messages at events and network meetings.</p> <p>Encourage staff, students and parents to work at schools that may potentially be voting places.</p> <p>Utilise notice boards and electronic newsletters</p>

Demographic considerations			
4	What is my electorate's ethnic make-up?	<p>Diversity in Manurewa Electorate European at 29.2%, Maori at 26%, Pasifika at 36.3% and Asian at 25.4% (data from Auckland South Regional Plan based on local board area). The median age is 29.5 years old.</p> <p>Although Manurewa Electorate is comprised of several ethnicities, Māori represents a significant proportion of its usual residents. The median age of Maori in the region is 23.5 years old.</p> <p>At the 2018 Census there were 181,194 usual residents in Tāmaki Makaurau who identified as Māori (11.5% of Auckland's population). This is an increase of 38,430 people, or 26.9%, since the 2013 Census. The Māori population has grown more rapidly than the wider Auckland population.</p> <p>There is also a high population of Indians in the Papatoetoe area.</p>	<p>This information will serve as a guide on how the staffing of voting places will look like. People will engage and feel more encouraged to participate if the team facing them from the other side of the table reflect their community.</p> <p>In 2020 General Election, there were some limitations in the selection of voting places due to Covid 19. There are now more opportunities to explore other avenues to improve voting turn-out rates through high foot traffic locations and pop-up voting places that will cater to the general population.</p>
5	Where are young people located?	<p>Secondary schools and tertiary institutions e.g., Manukau Institute of Technology (MIT), Auckland University of Technology (AUT), University of Auckland, NZMA, NZSE, Ignite Colleges, Future Skills, etc</p> <p>Shopping Malls e.g., Westfield Manukau, Manukau Supa Centa, Southmall Manurewa and nearby Hunters Plaza (Panmure-Otahuhu)</p>	<p>Capitalise on this information by locating advance and election day voting places at or near these locations.</p> <p>Consider Pop-up voting places at localised areas to increase voter participation.</p> <p>Secondary schools and tertiary institutions provide opportunity for recruitment</p>

		<p>Manurewa, Clendon and Old Papatoetoe Town Centres</p> <p>Recreational Centres, Parks and Sports Fields e.g., Mountfort Park, Manurewa Pools and Leisure Centre, Hayman Park and Rainbow's End</p>	
Turnout considerations			
6	What are my electorate's turnout rates?	<p>The 2020 General Election average voting turn-out in Manurewa Electorate fell below the national average.</p> <p>Certain suburbs had a higher turnout rate than other areas. These are Hillpark North and South (highest at 77%), Puhinui, Manukau Central, Papatoetoe and Weymouth South.</p> <p>Those with a lower turnout rate are Wiri, Homai, Rowandale, Burbank and Clendon.</p> <p>Clendon Park East had the lowest turn-out rate with only 56%.</p>	<p>The ethnic make-up of specific areas may be a factor that contributed to the low turn-out rates in 2020. To encourage people to vote, places of significance and high foot traffic locations should be used.</p> <p>Again, there were limitations in 2020 that will no longer apply to 2023. The use of shopping malls, train stations, supermarkets, retail chain and community hubs will improve general voting turn-out rates.</p> <p>PAK'nSAVE Clendon, Manurewa Marae and Te Matariki Clendon Library as advance voting places will, hopefully, improve the turnout rate for Clendon Park East.</p>
7	What are my electorate's enrolment rates?	<p>Enrolment rates in Manurewa Electorate in 2020 fell below the national average.</p> <p>Youth enrolment (ages 18-24 years old) is only at 51.38%.</p> <p>Manurewa Electorate has a transient population and the highest amount of enrolment forms taken</p>	<p>Enrolment Update Campaign by the Enrolment Processing Team which starts end July, hopefully, will increase enrolment rate and accuracy of voter details.</p> <p>The Community Engagement Team will have to proactively encourage people to enrol and update their details.</p>

		<p>at voting places in 2020. This resulted in having the highest number of special votes cast in the country.</p> <p>According to latest information (April 2023), 8,525 eligible electors are not on the roll.</p>	<p>Enrolment support is required by the Advance Voting Team during visits to the two prisons and the larger rest homes (advance voting period).</p>
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2.4 Voting services

Refer to the questions in section 4.4 of Chapter 4 in the operations manual when completing these questions.

Locations of service			
1	Where are the high foot traffic areas within your electorate? e.g., malls	High foot traffic locations are Westfield Manukau, town centres, supermarkets, retail chain, a number of train stations and the Manukau Bus Terminal	High foot traffic locations will be earmarked as advance voting and election day voting places whenever possible. These locations are also near the motorway and visited by local residents and other Aucklanders.
2	What are the major transportation routes within your electorate?	<p>There are a large number of people who travel to and from Manukau City Centre either by private cars, bus or train.</p> <p>Four train stations are located within Manurewa Electorate - Puhinui, Homai and Manurewa Train Stations. There is also Manukau Train Station which is directly opposite the Manukau Bus Terminal.</p>	<p>Transport hubs are now good options to locate a voting place.</p> <p>Manukau Train Station (opposite Manukau Bus Terminal) is the perfect location for an advance voting place.</p>

3	<p>What businesses and/or organisations which are significant employers in my electorate? E.g., forestry, manufacturing, large office buildings</p> <p>Note: all voting services must be accessible to the general public and not behind locked doors (excluding hospitals, care homes etc).</p>	<p>Office staff, workers at manufacturing facilities, government employees and in education at MIT, AUT and other tertiary institutions.</p>	<p>Tertiary organisations are potentially effective voting places as youth is one of our main target groups.</p>
4	<p>What are the geographical challenges for voters in my electorate to access voting services?</p>	<p>The major challenge in the Manurewa Electorate is traffic congestion. Although the area is quite geographically compact, the high growth of development in the past years has resulted in traffic congestion within and around neighbouring suburbs.</p>	<p>Location and the spread of voting places are crucial.</p>
5	<p>What has changed in my electorate since GE2020?</p>	<p>High number of on-going residential developments (in different stages) which, depending on their scheduled completion date, may affect electoral landscape at localized areas.</p> <p>New large scale residential development in the neighbouring suburbs of Takanini and Flat Bush.</p> <p>Shopping malls have upgraded their facilities after the Covid-19 pandemic to entice people to go out shopping and to dine out again.</p>	<p>Expect high foot traffic locations like malls and supermarkets to issue a high number of shared electorate votes. It seems that, under the current climate, Auckland residents do not mind travelling far distances to go out shopping or to dine out.</p>

6	Where are the high foot traffic locations and major transportation routes neighbouring my electorate?	<p>Botany Electorate Botany Junction and Ormiston Shopping Centre</p> <p>Panmure-Otahuhu Electorate Hunters Corner Town Centre, Papatoetoe Train Station, Middlemore Hospital and Middlemore Train Station</p> <p>Takanini Electorate Auckland Botanic Gardens, Manukau Sports Bowl (during an event, otherwise not a high foot traffic location) and Te Mahia Train Station</p> <p>Major Transportation Routes Great South Road, Auckland Southern Motorway and Southwestern Motorway</p>	Understand, assess and plan how high foot traffic locations, train stations and major transportation routes will affect shared electorate voting inside and outside Manurewa Electorate.
Services offered			
7	What voting services will be provided to meet the needs of Māori voters?	In 2020 General Election, Manurewa Marae was not used as a voting place and community hubs were a “no-go” zone since health protocols cannot be observed at smaller confined spaces.	<p>There will be major changes in how we approach delivery of voting services to Maori. Manurewa Marae is now a potential voting place. Rawiri Community Hub and other community whare are also potential locations to offer voting services.</p> <p>With the advice and assistance of Community Advocates, community groups who may be able to assist with recruitment will be contacted.</p> <p>Voting staff who understands Tikanga Maori and are Te reo speakers will help to encourage participation from their own community.</p>

8	<p>What specialist services do you need to deliver in your electorate?</p>	<p>Mobile Voting Team to Manukau Surgery Centre</p> <p>Mobile Voting Team to two prisons and Takeaway Voting Packs for electors on home detention</p> <p>Mobile Voting Team to Rest Homes</p> <p>Pop-up advance voting places that may be more suitable for specific areas</p>	<p>Ascertain magnitude of the service required for each location early in the planning through discussion with site contacts. It will serve as the guide of the size of the voting team.</p> <p>Health and Safety protocols at these locations should be strictly followed.</p> <p>Limited space voting spaces are now allowed as long as a site assessment is completed, and the location deemed acceptable.</p> <p>In-language resources for communities with high population of Maori, Pasifika and Ethnic communities should be available through the Mobile Voting Team.</p>
9	<p>Where and what shared electorate voting will be offered to meet the demand of voters?</p>	<p>Shared Electorate voting will be offered at voting places along electorate boundaries.</p> <p>For those, not along boundaries, historical data should be studied that will indicate where shared electorate voting should be offered.</p>	<p>Shared Electorate Voting offered by Manurewa will, generally, be for Panmure-Otahuhu, Mangere, Takanini and Botany. Geographically, these electorates share boundaries with Manurewa.</p> <p>Westfield Manukau, MIT/Manukau Train Station and The Warehouse Manukau are visited by people coming from different areas of Auckland. The number of special votes taken for other electorates in 2020 will determine the shared electorate voting that will be offered in 2023.</p>

Hours of service			
10	When and where should hours of voting services be offered?	<p>Centrally and strategically located within the community it serves.</p> <p>Consistency of opening and closing hours for all advance voting places as much as possible.</p> <p>Identify critical days which will give you best opportunity to capture as much voters as possible.</p>	<p>Advance voting places should cater for full-time workers or shift workers who may want to vote at venues located where they live.</p> <p>Voting place at Westfield Manukau will have to strictly follow the mall's opening hours.</p> <p>Saturday and Sunday voting offered at churches to capture voters after church service.</p> <p>Identify suitability, schedule and duration of pop-up voting services after consultation with site contacts.</p>
11	How will you provide a consistent service?	<p>Good location, strategically located facilities and friendly & efficient staff to ensure a customer-focused service.</p> <p>Prepare a well-organised Training Plan</p>	<p>An Advance Voting Place should open as an Election Day Voting Place as much as possible.</p> <p>Rostered staff at a venue should be in the same voting team as much as possible.</p> <p>Monitor team performance and how well they follow prescribed processes.</p>
12	When and where should extended hours of voting services be offered? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • early morning • late nights 	<p>One or two late night opening hours at all advance voting locations</p> <p>Early morning hours (before 8:00am) will not be offered at voting places in Manurewa Electorate.</p>	<p>Late nights should definitely be offered at most advance voting places, especially high foot traffic locations like supermarkets, malls and retail chain.</p> <p>Voting place at Westfield Manukau will have to strictly follow the mall's opening hours with no flexibility.</p>

13	When and where should weekend hours of voting services be offered?	Weekend hours should be offered at all advance voting places.	<p>Weekend voting at Libraries will match the weekend opening hours of the venue.</p> <p>Saturday and Sunday voting offered at churches to capture voters after church service.</p>
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2.5 Hubs and secure storage

Use this section to think and plan how your electorate may use a hub and/or secure storage (if applicable). Refer to section 5 of Chapter 4 in the operations manual when completing this section.

Not applicable for Manurewa Electorate.

3 Planning your voting services

Based on identified gaps/improvements, detail potential voting places to consider.

3.1 Partnership locations

National Office has worked with key partners around New Zealand to identify locations for advance and Election Day voting places. The partnership locations identified for you are:

Place	Address	Partner organisation
Westfield Manukau Mall Centre Court Event Space (14m x 6m) <i>(with option to move voting place to a shop in the mall if one becomes available in time for advance voting period)</i>	Corner Great South & Manukau Station Roads, Manukau City Centre 2104	Westfield
PAK'nSAVE Manukau * <i>(will not be used as a voting place)</i>	6 Cavendish Drive, Manukau City Centre 2104	Foodstuffs
PAK'nSAVE Clendon *	16 Robert Ross Place, Clendon Park 2103	Foodstuffs
The Warehouse Manukau *	35 Cavendish Drive, Manukau City Centre 2104	The Warehouse Group
The Warehouse Clendon * <i>(will not be used as a voting place)</i>	Corner Roscommon and Palmer's Road, Clendon Park 2104	The Warehouse Group
MIT Manukau Campus The Atrium	Corner of Manukau Station Road & Davies Avenue, Manukau City Centre 2104	Manukau Institute of Technology
* For Manukau City Centre and Clendon areas, it will either be PAK'nSAVE or The Warehouse and not both due to the close proximity of the two locations.		

3.2 Other locations

Advance and Election Day voting places need to be delivered in the geographic locations listed below, in addition to the partnership locations. Voting services might be delivered in the sites:

ADVANCE VOTING PERIOD

Locations	Possible sites
Clendon Park	Te Matariki Clendon Community Centre & Library, 17 Palmers Road, Clendon Park 2103 Manurewa Marae, 81 Finlayson Avenue, Clendon Park 2103
Manurewa	Manurewa Library, 7 Hill Road, Manurewa 2102 St Anne's Catholic Church, 126 Russell Road, Manurewa 2102 St Luke's Anglican Church Hall, 3 Russell Road, Manurewa 2102 Southmall Shopping Centre, 185/201 Great South Road, Manurewa, 2102

Papatoetoe	Papatoetoe War Memorial Library, 30 Wallace Road, Papatoetoe 2025 Youthline Manukau, 145 Saint George Street, Papatoetoe 2025
Weymouth	Weymouth Community Hall, 11 Beihlers Road, Weymouth 2103
Wiri	Rawiri Community Hub, 1 Rata Vine Drive, Wiri 2104 (Pop-up Voting Place) Baitul Muqueet Mosque, 20 Dalgety Drive, Wiri 2104 (Pop-up Voting Place)

ELECTION DAY

Locations	Possible sites
Clendon Park	Manurewa Marae, 81 Finlayson Avenue, Clendon Park 2103 Te Matauranga School Hall, 206 Finlayson Avenue, Clendon Park 2103 Roscommon School Hall, 23 Burundi Avenue, Clendon Park 2103
Manurewa	Manurewa Library, 7 Hill Road, Manurewa 2102 St Luke's Anglican Church Hall, 3 Russell Road, Manurewa 2102 St Anne's Catholic Church, 126 Russell Road, Manurewa 2102 Hillpark School Hall, 57 Grande Vue Road, Manurewa 2102 Finlayson Park School Hall, 85 John Walker Drive, Manurewa 2102 Rowandale School Hall, 73 Rowandale Avenue, Manurewa 2102 Homai School Hall, 89 Browns Road, Manurewa 2102 James Cook High School Hall, 18 Doctor Pickering Avenue, Manurewa 2102 Clendon Park School Hall, 145 Rowandale Avenue, Manurewa 2102
Papatoetoe	Malae o Fugatiti, 80 Wyllie Road, Papatoetoe 2025 Papatoetoe West School, 1-3 Hillcrest Road, Papatoetoe 2025 Papatoetoe War Memorial Library, 30 Wallace Road, Papatoetoe 2025 Youthline Manukau, 145 Saint George Street, Papatoetoe 2025
Puhinui	Puhinui Primary School Hall, 116 Puhinui Road, Papatoetoe 2104
Weymouth	Weymouth Primary School Hall, 23 Evans Road, Weymouth 2103
Wiri	Wiri Community Hall, 15 Inverell Avenue, Wiri 2104

3.3 Other services

Voting services need to be delivered to the following organisations, institutions, groups, remote communities or at the following public events.

Organisation, institution, groups and public events	Type of service required
Rawiri Community Hub, 1 Rata Vine Drive, Wiri 2104	Pop-up Voting Services
Baitul Muqueet Mosque, 20 Dalgety Drive, Wiri 2104	Pop-up Voting Services
Women's Refuge / Soup Kitchen	Deliver key transactional information only
Emergency Housing	MCentral is an emergency housing location across the road to MIT The Atrium which is an Advance Voting Place
AUT South Campus	Pop-up Voting Services

Corrections – Probation Officers for electors on home detention	Transactional message on take-away enrolment pack and voting papers
Counties Manukau Police Station, 42 Manukau Station Road, Manukau City Centre 2104	Election Day Voting Team

3.4 Other teams

Voting team services need to be delivered to the following organisations: care homes, hospitals, prisons, defence forces.

Organisation	Size of service
Manukau Surgery Centre, 901 Great South Road, Manukau City Centre 2104 The Surgery Centre provides multi-disciplinary inpatient care for South Auckland residents. They perform surgery services for patients who are not expected to need access to intensive care or interventional radiology.	Mobile Voting Team 78 Inpatient beds
CARE HOMES	Mobile Voting Team
Erin Park Rest Home & Hospital, 50/60 Russell Road, Manurewa 2012	Approx 120 beds
Ultimate Care Manurewa, 39 Great South Road, Manurewa 2102	Approx 50 beds
Bupa Hayman Rest Home & Hospital, 39 Trevor Hosken Drive, Wiri 2104	Approx 110 beds
Bethesda Care, 743 Great South Road, Wiri 2104	Approx 90 beds
Palms Home & Hospital, 56 Puhinui Road Manukau Auckland 2104	Approx 60 beds
Papatoetoe Residential Care, 3 Fairview Road, Papatoetoe 2025	Approx 30 beds
Kenderdine Park, 26 Kenderdine Road, Papatoetoe 2025	Approx 40 beds
PRISONS	Mobile Voting Team
Auckland Region Women’s Corrections Facility, 20 Hautu Drive, Wiri 2104	139 remand and 138 sentenced prisoners
Auckland South Corrections Facility, 21 Kiwi Tamaki Road, Wiri 2104	857 sentenced prisoners
<i>Detailed plan of the voting service delivery to these locations will be finalised in consultation with site contacts. Actual size of the required service will be confirmed prior to visit.</i>	

3.5 Planning

To complete the assessment of all potential voting places, you will need to plan how you complete these by end of April.

Area	Number of potential voting places	Time required	Resources required	Completed by
Clendon Park	5	12.5 hours	n/a	17/05/2023

Manurewa	10	25 hours	n/a	25/05/2023
Papatoetoe	4	10 hours	n/a	17/05/2023
Puhinui	1	2.5 hours	n/a	29/03/2023
Weymouth	2	5 hours	n/a	29/03/2023
Wiri	3	7.5 hours	n/a	25/05/2023
Manukau City Centre	3	7.5 hours	n/a	20/04/2023

The indicated Time Required only include travelling time, site assessment and completion of M42-Assess. It has not taken into account the possible back and forth email communication with site contacts before an appointment is confirmed.

3.6 Key contacts

To enable your electorate to deliver services, you will need to build strong relationships with key service providers. E.g., Mainfreight.

Organisation	Name	Email/Address	Contact number
NAI Harcourts	██████████ - Commercial Property Manager	████████████████████	██████████
	██████████ – Asst Commercial Property Manager	████████████████████	██████████
	██████████ Facilities Manager	████████████████████	██████████
NZ Data	██████████	████████████████████	██████████
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Mainfreight		<i>Contact through National Office – local contact different for every delivery</i>	
Levco	██████████	████████████████████	██████████
	██████████		██████████
FujiFilm	██████████ (Technician)		██████████
Spotless	██████████	████████████████████	██████████
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TIMG	TIMG Auckland Destruction Team	████████████████████	
Police, Fire and Emergency Services			
Manurewa Fire Station		225 Great South Road, Manurewa 2102	09 269 5710
Manukau Fire District Headquarters		15 Lambie Drive, Manukau City Centre 2104	09 262 0764
Manurewa Police Station		14 Halver Road, Manurewa 2102	09 268 5800
Clendon Police Station		488 Roscommon Road, Clendon Park 2103	09 267 9339
Counties Manukau Police Station		42 Manukau Station Road, Manukau City Centre 2104	09 261 1300

4 Confirming your voting service

4.1 Finalising your voting service

Use this table to record the outcome of your decision and the rationale behind your decision.

Site name	Outcome	Why
PARTNERSHIP LOCATIONS		
Westfield Mall Manukau Centre Court Event Space	Advance Voting Place only	14m x 6m event space with opening hours for voting to be the same as the mall opening hours (no flexibility to deviate). There is option to move to a shop unit inside the mall if one becomes available nearer to election period. Shop unit is preferred as there are less associated security risks, hence easier to manage compared to an open venue.
MIT Manukau - The Atrium	Advance Voting Place only	Location is ideal size for a voting place, visible from main thoroughfare and the perfect catchment area for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Auckland commuters taking trains and buses (Manukau Bus Terminal) • MIT Manukau students, teachers and staff • Employees at surrounding office buildings, eating establishments and shopping mall • Electors spending leisure time at adjacent parks and playground • Electors living at nearby emergency housing (M Central)
The Warehouse Manukau	Advance Voting Place only	Venue is visited frequently by our target community i.e those with low enrolment and low electoral participation rate (Maori, Pasifika and Youth). This is a high foot traffic area.
PAK'nSAVE Clendon	Advance Voting Place only	Venue is located within Clendon Town Centre and visited frequently by our target community i.e those with low enrolment and low electoral participation rate (Maori and Pasifika). This is a high foot traffic area.

The Warehouse Clendon	Not used as a Voting Place for 2023 General Election	Venue has limited space and not suitable as AVP. Area is already well served by nearby AVPs PAK'nSAVE Clendon and Te Matariki Clendon Community Centre & Library.
PAK'nSAVE Manukau	Not used as a Voting Place for 2023 General Election	Venue has limited space. Area is already well served by nearby AVPs - The Warehouse Manukau, MIT Manukau The Atrium and Westfield Manukau
AUCKLAND COUNCIL VENUES and LIBRARIES		
Papatoetoe War Memorial Library	Advance and Election Day Voting Place	Prominent venue at Old Papatoetoe Town Centre, opposite New World and beside RSA building.
Youthline Manukau	Advance and Election Day Voting Place	Prominent spot along St George Street, near the town centre and also among the residential neighbourhood.
Weymouth Community Centre	Advance Voting Place only	Nearby Weymouth Primary School will be used as an Election Day Voting Place in order to shift catchment area to other residential neighbourhoods in Weymouth.
Wiri Community Hall	Election Day Voting Place only	Venue not necessary to be an advance voting place since area is already well served by three high foot traffic locations at Manukau City Centre during advance voting period: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Westfield Mall Manukau • MIT Manukau Campus • The Warehouse Manukau
Manurewa Library	Advance and Election Day Voting Place	2020 General Election, the venue was used only as an advance voting place. For 2023, venue is available for both advance voting period and election day. Historically, this library was one of the voting places that has always attracted the highest number of votes for both home and shared electorates.
Te Matariki Clendon Community Centre & Library	Advance Voting Place only	On election day, area will be served by nearby Finlayson Park School and Te Matauranga School.

IMPROVING SERVICES TO MAORI		
Manurewa Marae	Advance and Election Day Voting Place	Place of significance to Maori voters, possibility of having electoral staff who can speak Te reo Maori
Rawiri Community Hub	Pop-up Voting Service	Serving a small community with a high number of Maori voters
The Pride Project Aotearoa Mangopare Hub	Will be used as a Recruitment Hub	This is a community led support initiative run out of The Pride Project community house in Clendon/Manurewa to support Maori and Pasifika who might be experiencing challenges in life.
CHURCHES		
St Anne's Catholic Church St Luke's Anglican Church	Advance and Election Day Voting Place	Opening Hours to include Saturdays and Sundays after church service
Malae o Fugatiti	Election Day Voting Place	Alternative voting location for Papatoetoe South School which is unavailable as a Voting Place for 2023 General Election due to major renovation works. Targets Samoan community in South Auckland and surrounding residential areas
SCHOOLS		
Refer to 3.2 for List of Schools as Voting Places	Election Day Voting Places	Most schools were found to be suitable voting places after availability confirmed and site assessments of facilities completed. Only Papatoetoe South School and Aorere College were not available.
OTHER VOTING PLACES		
Baitul Muqueet Mosque	Pop-up Voting Service	Largest purpose-built mosque in New Zealand Target group – ethnic communities
Southmall Shopping Centre	Pop-up Voting Service	Target group – Maori, Pasifika and ethnic communities of all ages

VOTING PLACES USED IN 2020 BUT NOT IN 2023		
Papatoetoe Town Hall	Not used as Advance and Election Day Voting Place for 2023 General Election	Excellent location at Old Papatoetoe Town Centre. However, seismic rating of 15%NBS (IL3) Grade E means that building cannot be used as a voting place.
Holy Cross Catholic Church	Not used as Advance and Election Day Voting Place for 2023 General Election	Area is served by nearby Youthline Manukau for duration of Advance Voting Period and Election Day
St Elizabeth's Anglican Church	Not used as Advance and Election Day Voting Place for 2023 General Election	Area is served by nearby Manurewa Marae, PAK'nSAVE and Te Matariki Clendon Community Centre & Library for the duration of Voting Period
Papatoetoe South School Aorere College	Not used as Election Day Voting Places for 2023 General Election	Building works beside or at school hall renders it unavailable for this year. Papatoetoe South School will be replaced by nearby Malae o Fugatiti as a voting place. Aorere College issued a low number of votes in 2020 and is beside Kedgely Intermediate School (Aorere area) which will be a voting place for Mangere Electorate.

4.2 Identifying your approach to meeting your recruitment needs

Refer to Section 6.2 of Chapter 4 in the operations manual to complete this section.

Identified issue or target employment group	Strategy
<p>Voting team should reflect diversity and demography of area where voting places are located - "like with like" approach</p>	<p>In addition to advertisements that National Office post through traditional and electronic channels, we can explore collaboration work with contacts from government agencies, tertiary institutions, and community groups to encourage recruitment from employment target groups:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ministry of Social Development (establishing connection with Work & Income jobseekers – for full-time and part-time work) • Stats New Zealand (take advantage of end contract for HQ and field staff upon completion of 2023 Census) • Ministry of Ethnic Communities (inclusion of ethnic communities in wider society) • Manukau Urban Maori Authority (MUMA) • Manurewa Marae • Manukau Institute of Technology (MIT) • Auckland University of Technology (AUT) • University of Auckland (UoA) • South Auckland Youth Network (SAYN) comprised of four individual networks with a database of hundreds of members • CNSST Foundation (formerly known as Chinese New Settlers Services Trust) • Belong Aotearoa (supports Newcomers, Migrant and Refugees) • Kahui Tu Kaha (Maori, Pacific, Asian and Muslim Teams) • Le Va (supports Pasifika families and communities) • Disability sector through Whaikaha - Ministry of Disabled People and other groups e.g Real World Living (Enabling Good Lives initiative), Taikura Trust, Spectrum Care, CSS Disability, Transition Schools, etc <p>The Community Engagement Team also works with many key contacts from strategic partners and from both large and small local and regional community groups.</p>
<p>Youth as a target group for voting place and post-election employment</p>	<p>Approach secondary schools, universities, ITOs, PTEs and youth groups within electorate and surrounding areas to spread key messages on recruitment.</p> <p>Use of social media and electronic newsletters.</p> <p>Request the Community Engagement Team to share key messages at network meetings, career days, orientation weeks or during enrolment update campaign presentations.</p>

<p>Maori as a target group for HQ support and voting place employment</p>	<p>Utilise connections and partnership with Maori groups and community hubs to explore how they can proactively assist on recruitment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Manurewa Marae • The Pride Project Aotearoa • Te Kaha o Te Rangatahi • Hāpai Tūhono <p>Request the Community Engagement Team to share key messages at network meetings that targets the Maori community.</p>
<p>Voting Places as a possible channel for recruitment</p>	<p>Encourage site contact to spread recruitment messages to people who attends events or frequently visit their venues for various reasons.</p>
<p>Recruitment of a large number of staff for a short period of time</p>	<p>Exploratory discussions with government and community groups to spread key messages on recruitment.</p> <p>Clear and concise text should go out to networks. In-language versions of messages, if available from National Office, will be beneficial for certain groups.</p>
<p>Management of a large-scale recruitment during screening tests and interviews</p>	<p>Methodical and organised logistical planning at HQ to ensure processes are observed.</p>

5 Building your electorate team

Refer to Section 7 of Chapter 4 in the operations manual to complete this section

ESTABLISH THE RIGHT TEAM CULTURE

Building a supportive and collaborative team culture at the onset is crucial to high-performance, confident decision-making and proactive interaction. The values, beliefs, behaviors, and attitudes shared by the team will lead towards the successful delivery of the 2023 General Election.

We are all guided by the Electoral Commission's **TAUMATA** values of **Tūhonotanga** (bringing people together to increase participation in democracy), **Aratakina** (knowledge transfer - guiding towards greater understanding), **Uakaha** (being dynamic and energetic in what we do), **Manaakitanga** (demonstrating generosity and empowering people) and **Tika** (doing things right, doing the right things).

Each value is equally important and complements each other, and what it will look like in practice will evolve based on the professional and personal experiences of the team.

MAINTAIN CLEAR COMMUNICATION CHANNELS

Encourage open communication by providing a safe space where the team can share information in a transparent, honest and consistent manner.

- Combination of regular informal/formal meetings and get-togethers with team on all levels to update on work progress, share ideas, initiatives and raise concerns.
- Have an open-door policy for the Electorate leadership team.
- Task or assignment deadlines are clear and must be adhered to.
- Ask team for feedback followed by proper action, if necessary.
- Make the team aware of escalation process at an electorate level that will set boundaries and channels of decision-making in order to solve problems quickly and with clarity.

MANAGE TEAM AND INDIVIDUAL PERFORMANCE

Any team is only as strong as its weakest member. It is important to set everybody up for success and as Electorate Manager, my responsibilities to my team are:

- Stress importance of doing things right the first time and ensure processes are followed.
- Emphasize importance of accountability, traceability, and pride in work accomplishments.
- Identify where the gaps are in the team with regard to skillset to guide next steps in the recruitment of other team members.
- Encourage and support team to raise issues when mistakes happen, so it can be rectified, or its effects mitigated.
- Empower every member of the team so they can identify situations where they can exercise confident decision-making vs situations where they need to escalate issues.
- Inform, enforce, and monitor Health and Safety guidelines at Headquarters and out in the field - it is everybody's responsibility.
- Identify individuals who can perform other roles in the lead up to the election period and for post-election activities.
- Celebrate every success however small or big they are.

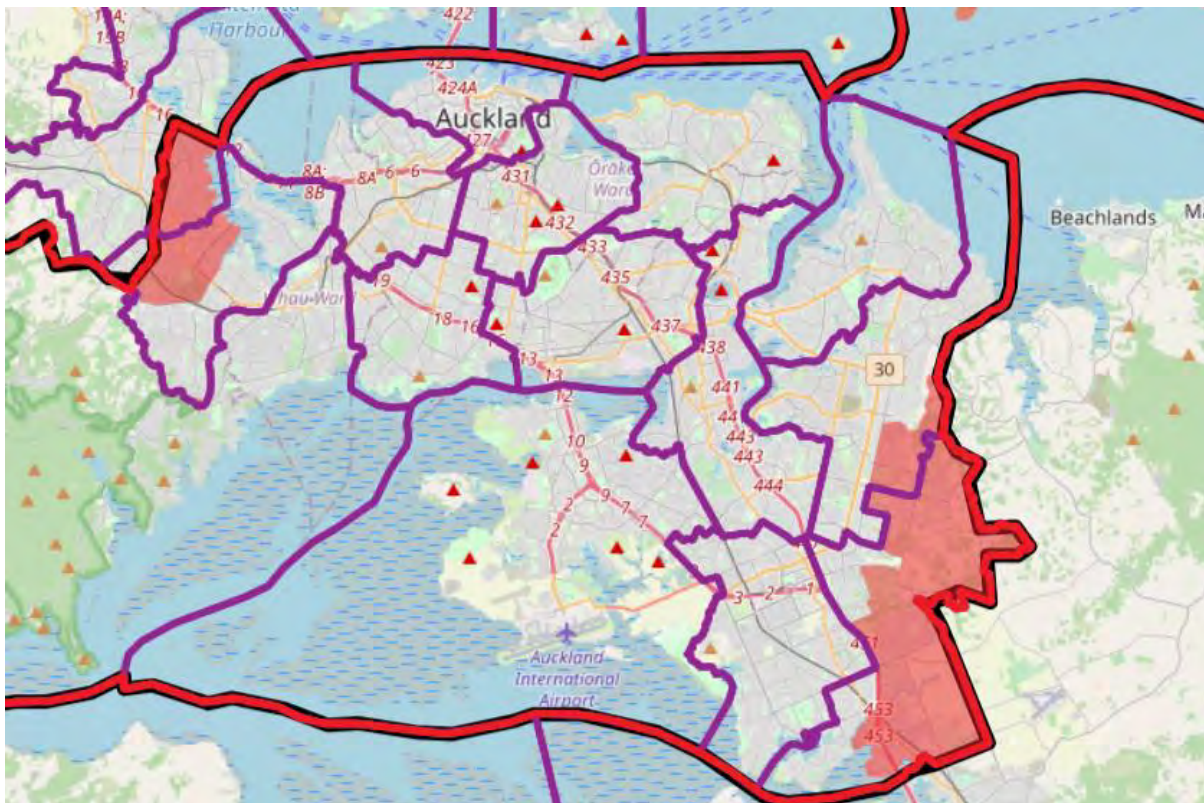
6 Tamaki Makaurau

6.1 Overview

	Nationwide average in 2020	Your electorate in 2020	Your electorate compared to the nationwide average
Turn-out rate	82.2%	65.12%	-18.23%

Tamaki Makaurau’s voter turn-out in 2020 General Election is 65.12% and, with a rating of 72nd, is the lowest turn-out in the country.

As Tamaki Makaurau’s boundaries cover 15 different general electorates in the Auckland and North region, the onus on how to improve participation rates fall on all Electorate Managers looking after these general electorates.



The number of special declaration votes processed in 2020 General Election was 5,527. With an increased effort in face-to-face community engagement and more presence at events for Maori Electoral Option and 2023 Enrolment Update Campaign (unable to organise or attend events in 2020 due to Covid-19 pandemic), it is expected that there will be no major increase in the number of special declaration votes this year. More electors, hopefully, will enrol and update their details in time for the print-out of the electoral rolls.

6.2 Logistics and Supplies

For 2023 General Election, the crucial part for Tamaki Makaurau is the logistical planning of movement and security of supplies and key voting materials during advance voting, election day and post-election periods.

Although the main bulk of the supplies will be coming directly from National Office to the headquarters of all general electorates, this is largely dependent on assumptions made during the planning of the voting service delivery. Any shortfall brought about by deviations from the electorate plan vs actual voting patterns will have to be managed from the Tamaki Makaurau Electorate Headquarters.

The Logistics and Supplies team will have to familiarise themselves with contact details and physical locations of electorate headquarters so that supply of additional voting materials will be fast and efficient. Clear communication channels must be established and finalised before the voting period.

7 Risks

Refer to section 8 of Chapter 4 in the operations manual, the eLearning risk module, and the risk register template. List any risks with a rating score of 12 or more, and any that require significant budget or time to manage.

Your Regional Manager will discuss any further mitigation needed with you.

Please refer to attached **M40-RISK REGISTER for Manurewa Electorate**.

Below is a list of risks that are unlikely to happen but if they do, may result to significant impacts.

- Loss of HQ or access to HQ due to natural disasters such as earthquake, widespread flooding, high winds, tsunami, etc
- Loss of HQ due to fire or localised flooding
- Threat to security of HQ when there is the potential for materials to be stolen or tampered with
- Threat to Security of HQ and voting places due to riots, protests, unruly members of the public or any other situation where there is a chance that staff may be evacuated
- Loss of Voting Place due to localised events such as fire, loss of power, loss of access to voting space, etc.
- A flood or incident closes a key road between the HQ and other HQs and key voting materials cannot be delivered (applicable to Tamaki Makaurau Electorate)

Other risks with a rating score of 12 or more on the risk register are:

- Recruitment (posed a significant risk to Manurewa Electorate in 2020)
Not enough people apply to work or they drop-out before start of contract
Quality of people applying for roles is not at the level required
There are insufficient or poor quality applicants for the manager roles
- Increased COVID-19 cases in the community
Loss of staff/replacements needed at HQ and voting places

8 Review

Refer to section 9 of Chapter 4 in the operations manual to complete this section.

Subject	Feedback
Electorate Headquarters	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Headquarters was situated within the electorate, so it served the community well. Its location was very convenient for interviews, testing and training as well as for the HQ support team to provide assistance, as needed, to field staff during the advance voting and election day period. The farthest voting place was only less than 7km away. • Configuration of the three parking spaces for EM and HQ Managers did not work at all, with the third car always blocking the two other cars. Also, there's very limited options for free parking for other staff, though, lots of option for paid full day parking around the area. • The Headquarters was only an 8-min walk from Manukau train station and bus terminal. • With careful planning, the rectangular layout and existing internal walls of the premises was fit for purpose and provided flexibility that catered well to the different stages of voting service delivery – from recruitment, bulk delivery, training, pick-up and return of supplies during election period and post-election activities.
Selection of voting services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The final list of advance and election day voting places provided good coverage. Some selected voting places were already expected to be busier than the others due to location and how significant the venues are to the community. • There were four open spaces / high foot traffic advance voting places – Westfield Manukau Mall, PAK'nSAVE Clendon, MIT Campus The Atrium and Southmall Manurewa. Except for PAK'nSAVE, all the other available spaces were generous, and planning of the layout was easy. • Site contacts for voting places were very supportive. Even with the delays in responses and approvals from some, this did not delay the finalisation of the electorate plan. Venue hire costs were well within budget because some of the advance voting places lent their spaces for free as election event was seen as a community service.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Manurewa Marae was used as a voting place for the first-time. This was an important step to improve on how we deliver services to Māori and to other hard-to-reach communities. Clendon Park, the area where the marae is located, had the lowest voter turnout in GE 2020.
<p>HQ Operations</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HQ operations would have been more efficient and effective at the onset if the Logistics & Supplies Manager (LSM) and the Recruitment & Rostering Manager (RRM) started employment at the same time i.e. 19th June. The long hours and the stress that the RRM Team experienced to keep up with the recruitment needs of the team could have been avoided. • Introduction of the HQ Team Leader and HQ Senior Support roles worked well. Line of delegation provided HQ Managers opportunity to take time off as well as mentor good staff. For next election, the HQ Support Finance should be employed and trained earlier. • LSM and RRM spaces were clearly delineated (separated by the reception area) and it was easy to enforce and follow the restricted access policy. • Access to Level 1 via the stairs and lift was by swipe card only, hence, the security of staff and supplies were maintained and was never an issue. However, delivery became a major concern with NZ Post and their unwillingness to contact HQ to collect deliveries from them at ground floor. A limited access swipe card had to be provided to NZ Post delivery staff. • IT Access – the process came in too late and requests were already done a week prior. M36 process had to be redone for several staff which resulted to miscommunication, frustration and extra work. • The P&C and Security Advisors started out giving general rather than actionable replies to queries. What was needed were people who can dole out advice that can be easily converted into action points rather than “conceptual” answers. A more proactive approach from them from the get-go would have been better (which did happen eventually).
<p>Recruitment</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Manurewa and Tamaki Makaurau RRM (Evonne ██████) was a first-time HQ Manager but had worked at a voting place in 2020 General Election. She was focused, hardworking and willing to go the extra mile to make sure deadlines are met and personnel issues resolved at a timely manner. She made sure that the attention and time of the R&R HQ Support team were directed towards tasks with the highest priority.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “Register your Interest button vs APPLY button” at the bottom of webpage created confusing messages to interested candidates. • SNAPHIRE went live three weeks before RRM was trained and ready to navigate the system. This meant that a high number of applications were already sitting on SNAPHIRE, but RRM was not ready and still without an HQ Support team. One of the first things RRM did was just to field queries from applicants who were following up on their applications, which was not the best use of her time. • Application process was overly simplified with applicants given only two choices – “to work at headquarters” or “to work at a voting place”. A question on previous elections experience i.e. role and voting place/electorate would have made the process of shortlisting and interviewing for a suitable role much easier and faster. • Feedback received was the job application was too generic - if candidate knew beforehand what role they have applied and being interviewed for, they would prepare differently and used examples that suit the role better. • SNAPHIRE allowed for candidates to apply in different electorates, and this caused a bit of confusion and extra administration time across several electorates. RRM had the communication sorted out amongst them but worth highlighting as a future improvement. There should be a better method to filter, view and manage multiple applications from candidates. • SNAPHIRE items for improvement (if will still be used as recruitment platform for 2026 General Election) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drop down on child buckets – why even give a list of all other roles when you are already on a specific child job. The step was confusing and created opportunity to make mistake. • There were too many steps for a two-week or a one-day job. • System did not allow for flexibility if recruiter or applicant change their minds except to issue a new contract. • Wordings on template letters need to be reviewed e.g. contracts said “feel free to contact me” but no contact details provided, and some letters just did not suit how communication at field level were structured. • Rehire process caused delays in appointing people to other roles. • Group Interview was a good option as long as activities flow plan was in place to avoid for sessions to be overwhelming to HQ Support team and to candidates.
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interview notes - different scoring system for VPM+ but gave an option to select VPM should recruiter discover a gem during group interview. This meant that there is a discrepancy in interview scores as VPM scores out of 30 while group interview scores out of 25. If there was an audit or review, those who came through a group interview would look less qualified (lower score) than their VPM counterparts who were scored on a different rating system. • One of our major successes was that voting teams reflected diversity and the demography of the area where voting places were located. • With SNAPHIRE, most of the personnel documents were already electronically filed on the system. This made close of HQ easier with less paperwork to file, hence, less boxes to send to National Office.
<p>Logistics and supplies</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Manurewa and Tamaki Makaurau LSM (George ██████ was an experienced HQ Manager, having done the role in 2017 and 2020 General Elections. He was always focused, had great attention to detail, delegated well to the team and prioritised tasks that would affect other tasks or the wider team. Daily/weekly goals were communicated beforehand, and the Logistics & Supplies HQ Support team were always aware of their responsibilities and accountabilities. • Clear delegation was very important to ease the pressure on the team and ensure the success of task delivery on milestone dates. Split-shifts worked well to address the 15-hour days during the advance voting period. • An organised and tidy space with a smart layout contributed to the team’s success. Restricted access policy for Zone 3 and Zone 4 was easy to follow mainly due to layout of the space and vigilance of the team. • M46 corrections brought about by errors from National Office teams e.g. corrections on packing instructions (Panui Poti 28), electoral rolls not being automatically generated (Panui Poti 29), etc resulted to more HQ support hours. They needed to double-check packed supplies and make sure all boxes were complete before issue to field staff.
<p>Training</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The best trainers are the ones who have practical experience at voting places, whatever role it may have been. All Manurewa Trainers had voting place and HQ support/leadership experience - they were able to provide practical feedback to queries that came up during the training sessions.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Each Trainer had their own unique style of presentation. They were paired up based on their strengths and the kind of energy they can bring to the mix. Practice sessions delivered to the HQ team proved to be very beneficial for both trainers and staff. • There was value added with having one of the Trainers, Heather [REDACTED] as a Regional Trainer. She had worked numerous times in senior leadership roles, and it was evident on how she conducted her training and answered questions – direct, practical and concise. • As a contingency plan, some of the administrative support staff were trained as training assistants. They were called upon to help during times when a rostered trainer became unavailable at the last minute. • Training content should allow for more exercises. For some voting staff, it is the repetition that encourages better understanding of the process. Election Night module for managers could have been done on a different day as the session became too long. • Briefing to the Voting Place Managers by the EM and LSM immediately after training provided clarity to what was covered during the session and reinforced what to expect moving forward. Some of the topics covered were: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Factors unique to each voting place • Tips and tricks of the role • Support provided by HQ Team and levels of escalation • Security of staff, supplies and voting place • Similarities/differences on the management of an advance and e-day voting places • Collection of supplies – when and what to expect • Pack up and return of supplies
<p>Rostering and communications</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The HQ Support Team Leader (Emily [REDACTED]) looked after rostering of voting place staff. The spreadsheet that was prepared earlier to record staff availability and preferences helped to weed out most of the avoidable problems or complications in the schedules. • Rostering could have been simplified if issuing officers for Advance Voting Places were all OSIOs. This would have also provided more flexibility to the VP Manager with work allocation during busier periods.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EMS Rostering - "Copy staff from previous day" automatically copies staff but if there were extra roles (e.g. when needing to split a long day you have 4 staff of the same role splitting 2 duties), it did not copy the extra roles. • The dedicated phone line for staff to text in sick or late notice message was effective. A few HQ support person were trained on the step-by-step procedure.
<p>Before Start of Voting Period</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It would have been helpful if it was clarified early on the part of the process that was looked after by National Office and the extent of their involvement in the planning and implementation of specific tasks plus timeline. Example - dealings with Westfield, PAK'nSAVE, The Warehouse, Maori Collective, etc.
<p>Voting period</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Role of Voting Services Manager (Linden ██████ was vital to the success of the 13-day voting period. VSM made sure that information from LSM and EM on operations of voting places were successfully implemented in the field. • VSM was inducted and trained two weeks before the first day of advance voting. This was enough time to familiarise with the complexities of the voting service delivery. • Ballot boxes and other key voting material were returned and collected at Manurewa HQ every day. It sounded a lot of hard work in theory, but once the voting team had established a pattern, it became much easier in practice. • The proximity of the headquarters to Westfield Manukau Mall voting place made it easy to support the voting team with their requests for additional staff and supplies. • Pop-up voting places were effective in bringing our services to targeted communities. • Community Liaisons assisted with enrolments at busy + complex locations such as Westfield Manukau Mall and at the men's/women's prisons. • As a first-time advance and election day voting place, Youthline Manukau did not perform as well as expected. However, it still brought in a good amount of votes and, hopefully, will be retained as a voting place for 2026. Additional election signages and parking directions might result to a higher voter turn-out in the future. • Manurewa Marae as a first-time voting place took in near to 3,600 votes (advance and election day), which was 385% more than the estimated votes.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The main HQ Support team were understanding and forward-thinking. They were able to put some safety measures in place to mitigate effects of problems out in the field and keep everybody on the right track. • For future improvement: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Data entry from Power BI to Actual Votes - the order of voting places on Power BI should match with EMS actual votes page to decrease potential data entry errors. • Add in option to export and print election day VP rosters and VP info only (separate from advance voting information) • Refine job description of the Issuing Support Officer – aside from providing cover to the Voting Place Manager when required, they can also be relied upon to be an extra pair of eyes to check if other issuing officers were following the PIM diligently and consistently.
<p>Post-election and completion</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Timing of training for post-election activities which was the week before start of advance voting was ideal. Content could be improved by adding a section on completion steps i.e. tips on how to round off the whole process. • Coordination meetings were held between the EM, LSM, Post-Election Manager and Process Leaders in preparation for post-election activities. The team were consulted about staffing, process and room layout to make sure that they were happy with allocated resources (staff and supplies). Process Leaders organised their own supplies and arranged the layout of their allocated area even before post-election activities started. • Early count was a high-pressure environment but was managed properly because staffing assumptions were correct and resources carefully prepared a few days in advance. A dedicated early count Assistant (HQ Support) was appointed and attended training with the Process Leader. • Selection of staff for different post-election activities was based on their skillset. People who were all-rounders and can float from the different post-election teams were identified to assist where needed. • An HQ Support Officer (Christopher ██████████) took the initiative to be coordinator of special votes for both the general and Māori electorates. He became the main point of contact for incoming and outgoing SV docs and monitored progress of both teams. EM was updated with progress regularly, which made it easier to decide on how to share/move the resources between the teams.

<p>Budget</p>	<p>Factors that contributed to additional costs, not included in the original budget:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Timesheets and staff expense claim by Area Trainer paid via electorate budget. • Roadshows, Train the Trainers sessions, briefings, presentations to National Office staff, etc at Headquarters – additional HQ support required for set-up, other preparation work and clean-up. • Delivery Issues – hours spent on back & forth communication for follow-ups, driving to Grafton Office/NZ Post Box Lobbies to pick up deliveries. • Additional HQ Support required for dress rehearsal, which also included briefings before the scheduled activity. • HQ Senior Support was also assigned to assist with Tamaki Makaurau Supplies which included supervision of rolls and ballot paper checks. • Panui Poti instruction on VPMA becomes VPMU then additional OSIO resulted to additional staff costs. • Security provisions such as transport of voting materials (two staff at all times) and extra hours plus mileage expense incurred by voting team for overnight storage of key voting materials at Headquarters. • Tamaki Makaurau judicial recount with around 40 HQ Support staff required for two days.
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To: [EC Legal](#)
Subject: Re: [Enquiry Subject] Other enquiry from [REDACTED]
Date: Tuesday, 18 June 2024 6:20:25 pm
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Thanks for the considered response

On Tue, 18 Jun 2024, 4:25 pm EC Legal, [REDACTED] > wrote:

Kia ora [REDACTED]

Please find attached a response from the Electoral Commission.

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From: EC Legal
Sent: Monday, June 10, 2024 10:04 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: [Enquiry Subject] Other enquiry from [REDACTED]

Kia ora [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email.

We will be in touch with a response shortly.

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From: [REDACTED]

Date: Wed, Jun 5, 2024 at 12:07 am

Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

From site: elections.nz

Subject: Other

Type: Complaint

Message:

I would like to know if the Electoral Commission is investigating the conduct of Te Pati Maori for the inducements it was giving out at the Manurewa Marae? I know it is OK to give to give out a snack while electioneering but giving \$100 vouchers goes far beyond that! It is mischievous of John Tamahere to try to re-label it as maanaaki. Inducing people to change to the Maori roll was trying to screw the scrum for the election as there would have been Te Pati advertising (explicit or implicit) plus getting a Te Pati Maori vote in the Maori electorates gave the possibility of overhang seats - as indeed happened. What if a National candidate got associates to organise for people to change from the Maori roll to the General roll in a venue with a few National party logos around and was giving \$100 vouchers - I bet that would be investigated! Bryce Edwards has summed what has been in the media to date:

<https://democracyproject.substack.com/p/te-pati-maoris-integrity-under-scrutiny>

18 June 2023

██████████
By email: ██████████

Dear ██████████

RESPONSE TO LETTER

Kia ora ██████████

Thank you for your email dated 5 June 2024.

We have previously looked into potential breaches of the Electoral Act relating to activities at Manurewa Marae. These were about whether those activities at the Marae during the election should be considered treating. The concerns you have outlined are about earlier activity and whether there was pressure for people to change electoral rolls. In this response, we will provide information on our inquiries to date, and a response to your questions regarding treating and bribery and encouraging people to enrol on the Māori roll.

The Manurewa Marae was identified by the Electoral Commission along with other local marae including Papakura, Ruapōtaka, and Ōrākei Marae as a potential venue that members of the surrounding community would readily vote in. It was noted that Manurewa Marae had recently offered COVID-19 vaccinations and opportunities to participate in the Census. It is used by the Ministry of Social Development to promote employment opportunities. It is also used as a community hub by virtue of its medical services and food bank.

In our discussions with the marae, it was mentioned that they might provide kai and or activities to create a family friendly environment around the voting place. We were clear that the opportunity to receive kai or participate in the activities must be available to anyone coming to the marae and cannot be dependent on people voting. It is not uncommon for schools or other community organisations to host activities around voting places on this basis.

The marae was advertised as a voting place issuing votes for the Manurewa general electorate and the Tāmaki Makaurau Māori electorate and like all voting places, it also issued special votes for all general and Māori electorates across the country.

Under section 217 of the Electoral Act, anyone who gives or provides food, drink, entertainment or provision is liable for prosecution for the corrupt practice of treating, if done “for the purpose of corruptly” influencing that person to, generally put, alter their voting behaviour or procure the defendant’s election.

Although the ambit is broad, the threshold for establishing treating is also high - a corrupt intention is required. The Courts have previously held that the offence of “treating” requires an intention on the part of the person treating to influence the votes of the persons treated.

In this case, it appears that the marae was publicly offering kai and entertainment alongside a whole range of organised marae activities including whanau day, kapa haka day, health checks, employment expo, and the Electoral Commission's voting place.

When we looked into the matter in 2023 it appeared that food was being made generally available without reference to voting or voting for Te Pāti Māori or its candidate. There did not appear to be any overt campaigning associated with the provision of food.

Based on the information we have, we do not consider that this would meet the high test for treating and have not referred the matter to Police.

Māori choose the general roll or the Māori roll when they first enrol to vote. People can change the roll type they are on at any time, except in the three months before a general election, in the three months before local elections which are held every three years, and before a parliamentary by-election if the change would move you into the electorate where the by-election is being held. The choice is up to each individual elector.

The roll choice affects which candidates an elector can choose from in parliamentary elections and local elections. A person that chooses the Māori roll, will vote for a candidate in the Māori electorate they live in. A person that chooses the general roll, will vote for a candidate in the general electorate they live in. They will vote for the same list of political parties in a general election, whichever roll they choose to be on. If they choose the Māori roll, and their local council has a Māori ward or constituency, they will vote for candidates in the Māori ward or constituency. If they choose the general roll, they will vote for candidates in the general ward or constituency.

The Māori Electoral Option choice also helps determine the number of Māori and general electorates in future elections. The number of Māori on the general and Māori rolls, together with the results of the census, are used to work out the number of general and Māori electorates. The number of Māori enrolled on the Māori roll could mean the number of Māori electorates increases, decreases, or stays the same for future elections. In accordance with the Electoral Act, the Electoral Commission provided the number of Māori enrolled on the Māori and general rolls on 1 April 2024 to Stats NZ. Stats NZ will be calculating the number of electorates for the 2026 General Election. The Representation Commission will then review the names and boundaries of the electorates.

From 31 March to 13 July 2023, around the same time as the census, the Electoral Commission had an awareness campaign underway about the legislative changes to the Māori Electoral Option that came into force on 31 March 2023 and the period Māori electors could choose to change roll types prior to the general election. Information provided by the Electoral Commission is neutral and emphasises that it is an individual's choice.

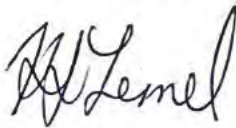
Encouraging or persuading an elector of Māori descent to enrol on the Māori roll versus the general roll or to switch from one to another would not be appropriate for an electoral official and would be contrary to the Electoral Commission's code of conduct. However, it is not an offence under the Electoral Act for a person or organisation to encourage or persuade a person of Māori descent as to which roll type they should choose. Enrolment forms are publicly available and community groups and political parties and candidates can request copies of the forms and encourage people to enrol ([Order resources | Elections](#)).

The Commission's assessment is that encouraging people to enrol on the Māori roll does not constitute bribery or treating on the basis the elector would be eligible to vote in an electorate that the party and/or candidate is contesting. More would be required; under the Electoral Act treating or bribery must have a corrupt intent and be more closely related to influencing voting for a party or candidate. The information the Commission has received to date is not sufficient to establish this.

The Commission will reconsider any matter if any new information is provided. We understand that a number of complaints have recently been made to Police and other agencies that are currently being looked into. The Electoral Commission will provide any assistance requested by those agencies and consider any new information that they make available regarding electoral matters, but will not comment further while those investigations are being undertaken.

Thank you for getting in touch with the Commission to raise your concerns with us.

Yours sincerely



Kristina Temel
Manager, Legal and Policy

From: [OIA Enquiries](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: [Enquiry Subject] Party donations
Date: Friday, 6 October 2023 11:04:36 am
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Kia ora [REDACTED]

Please find attached the response to your recent Official Information Act request.

In the interests of transparency, we release responses to Official Information Act requests every three months. We will publish this response with your personal details redacted on elections.nz.

You have the right under section 28(3) of the Act to make a complaint to the Ombudsman if you are not satisfied with the response to your request. Information about how to do this is available at ombudsman.parliament.nz or by phoning 0800 802 602.

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Subject: [Enquiry Subject] Party donations

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Hi Legal Team,

Here is an enquiry from [REDACTED]

It was CC'd to:

From: [REDACTED]
Date: Fri, Sep 8, 2023 at 3:31 pm

Official Information Request

West Auckland social services charity Waipareira Trust has agreed to cease making political donations and try to claw back hundreds of thousands of dollars in interest-free loans advanced to its chief executive - and Te Pāti Māori (TPM) president - John Tamihere.

Has this been completed.???

Regards

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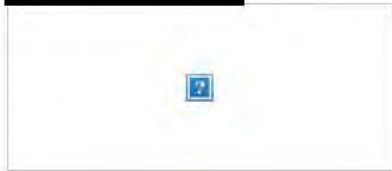
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6/10/23

By email to [REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT REQUEST 2023/46

On Friday 8 September 2023 you made a request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the OIA) for the following information:

*West Auckland social services charity Waipareira Trust has agreed to cease making political donations and try to claw back hundreds of thousands of dollars in interest-free loans advanced to its chief executive - and Te Pāti Māori (TPM) president - John Tamihere.
Has this been completed.???*

The Commission is responsible for administering the requirements in the Electoral Act for parties and candidates to record and disclose donations and loans.

The Commission only holds information about donations and loans to parties or candidates disclosed under the Electoral Act. The legislation sets out the details that parties and candidates are required to disclose.

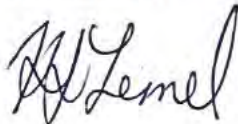
Parties file annual returns of donations and loans, and returns within 10 working days of donations exceeding \$20,000 and loans exceeding \$30,000 and candidates file returns after each election. All returns are made publicly available online [here](#), and [here](#). You have also asked for confirmation that the Waipareira Trust has ceased making political donations. All donations are made publicly available [here](#), and, as you can also find this information online your request is refused under s 18(d) of the OIA.

Please note that donations or loans relating to local elections are not reported to the Electoral Commission, as we are only responsible for parliamentary elections.

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Yours sincerely



Kristina Temel
Manager Legal and Policy

From: [REDACTED]
To: [OIA Enquiries](#)
Subject: Manurewa Marae voting booth. OIA Request
Date: Saturday, 11 November 2023 2:11:41 pm

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My name is [REDACTED] Ph [REDACTED]

Regards [REDACTED]

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows

From: [OIA Enquiries](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Manurewa Marae voting booth. OIA Request
Date: Monday, 13 November 2023 3:35:40 pm
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Kia ora [REDACTED]

We are acknowledging your Official Information Request, received on Saturday 11 November 2023, requesting:

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We will respond to your request as soon as reasonably practicable within the 20 working days.

Ngā mihi,

Electoral Commission | Te Kaitiaki Take Kōwhiri

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, November 11, 2023 2:11 PM
To: OIA Enquiries <[REDACTED]>
Subject: Manurewa Marae voting booth. OIA Request

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My name is [REDACTED]

Regards [REDACTED]

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1 December 2023

By email to: [REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT REQUEST 2023/106

On Saturday 11 November 2023 you made a request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the OIA) for the following information:

- 1. Was Takutai Moana Kemp at the Manurewa Marae at any time during Election day? If so, how long was she there and was she mixing and talking with people who had come there to cast their votes or partake in the free food and drinks?*
- 2. Were any Te Party Maori officials employed or involved in any way in the running of this booth other than as an official scrutineers and if so who were they and what role did they play?*

We have provided answers to your questions below:

- 1. Was Takutai Moana Kemp at the Manurewa Marae at any time during Election day? If so, how long was she there and was she mixing and talking with people who had come there to cast their votes or partake in the free food and drinks?*

There is no evidence to indicate that Takutai Moana Kemp was at the Manurewa Marae at any time on election day.

- 2. Were any Te Party Maori officials employed or involved in any way in the running of this booth other than as an official scrutineers and if so who were they and what role did they play?*

There were no Te Pāti Māori officials employed or involved in any way in the running of the Manuwera Marae voting place.

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Yours sincerely



Martin Rodgers
Director Voting Services

From: [Angel Vargas](#)
To: Hilda [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Contact Details
Date: Wednesday, 13 September 2023 4:27:00 pm
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Kia Ora Hilda

Recruitment Process will be as follows :

- Candidate to apply online via this link [General Election 2023 - Manurewa Electorate - Electoral Commission \(elections.nz\)](#) (under the APPLY button at the bottom of the page).
- Assessment/Test and Interview at Manurewa Headquarters, 15 Osterley Way, Manukau City Centre – we will email/call them to book a date and time
- If successful, they have to upload pre-employment details and other documents online

The process will likely take more than a week depending on their availability for the assessment and interview. Earliest we can schedule them for training will probably be weekdays/weekend of 25th September. This is the week before advance voting so we have very little wiggle room.

Ngā mihi

Angelica Tuyay Vargas | Electorate Manager – Manurewa & Tamaki Makaurau Electorates
Electoral Commission | Te Kaitiaki Take Kōwhiri
Phone [REDACTED] [vote.nz](#) | [elections.nz](#)



<https://www.elections.nz/jobs/>

From: Hilda [REDACTED]@manurewamarae.co.nz>
Sent: Wednesday, September 13, 2023 4:13 PM
To: Angel Vargas <[REDACTED]@elections.govt.nz>
Subject: Re: Contact Details

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Kia Ora Angel,

Please lock in these names for Manurewa Marae kaimahi they are in the process of filling out the online

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] (weekends)
[REDACTED] (weekends)
[REDACTED] Sat 14th
[REDACTED] (Can you please check [REDACTED] name he may have already applied)

Aku mihi
Hilda [REDACTED]

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From: Hilda [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, September 13, 2023 3:26:40 PM

To: Angel Vargas <[REDACTED]@elections.govt.nz>

Subject: Re: Contact Details

Kia Ora

My number is +[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone

On 13/09/2023, at 3:16 PM, Angel Vargas <[REDACTED]@elections.govt.nz> wrote:

Kia Ora Hilda

I wish to discuss something with you, better over the phone than in an email.

I realised I don't have your contact number. Is it possible for you to give me a call today?

Ngā mihi

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From: [Angel Vargas](#)
To: [Hilda \[REDACTED\]](#)
Cc: [Evonne \[REDACTED\]](#)
Subject: RE: Contact Details
Date: Thursday, 21 September 2023 12:12:00 pm
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Kia Ora Hilda

Correction on the dates below – it should read 16th Sept and 20th Sept (not October)

Ngā mihi

Angelica Tuyay Vargas | Electorate Manager – Manurewa & Tamaki Makaurau Electorates
Electoral Commission | Te Kaitiaki Take Kōwhiri
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From: Angel Vargas
Sent: Thursday, September 21, 2023 11:43 AM
To: Hilda [\[REDACTED\]](#) <[\[REDACTED\]@manurewamarae.co.nz](mailto:[REDACTED]@manurewamarae.co.nz)>
Cc: Evonne [\[REDACTED\]](#) <[\[REDACTED\]@elections.govt.nz](mailto:[REDACTED]@elections.govt.nz)>
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Kia Ora Hilda

The following are confirmed to work at the Manurewa Marae Voting Place. They have done their assessments/interviews and just need to complete the necessary paperwork. Aside from Phillip, their availability are very limited.

[\[REDACTED\]](#) (available full-time)

[\[REDACTED\]](#) (weekends)

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[\[REDACTED\]](#) (weekends)

[\[REDACTED\]](#) and [\[REDACTED\]](#) were invited for interview on Saturday (16th Oct) but have other commitments. We scheduled them on Wednesday (20th Oct) but they did not show up and never replied to our phone calls.

Today, I will have to confirm on who will be part of the voting team to give us enough time to schedule them for training. I have a list of candidates that already have contracts and are suitable to work at the Manurewa Marae. I hope you will support my decision.

Ngā mihi

Angelica Tuyay Vargas | Electorate Manager – Manurewa & Tamaki Makaurau Electorates
Electoral Commission | Te Kaitiaki Take Kōwhiri
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From: Hilda [\[REDACTED\]](#) <[\[REDACTED\]@manurewamarae.co.nz](mailto:[REDACTED]@manurewamarae.co.nz)>
Sent: Wednesday, September 13, 2023 4:13 PM
To: Angel Vargas <[\[REDACTED\]@elections.govt.nz](mailto:[REDACTED]@elections.govt.nz)>

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From: [OIA Enquiries](#)
To: [Izak \[REDACTED\]](#)
Cc: [Kristina Temel](#)
Subject: FW: Manurewa Marae voting booth. OIA Request
Date: Wednesday, 15 November 2023 11:02:31 am
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
[image002.png](#)

Kia ora Izak

We received the below OIA request on Saturday.

Could you please give us your official response to question 2. This will be **due before COB 8 December 2023**.

I have created an OIA folder and have a draft letter sitting within for you to drop your answer into: [\[REDACTED\]](#)
[106 \[REDACTED\]](#)

Let me know if you have any questions.

Ngā mihi
Zara

Zara [REDACTED] | Advisor Legal

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, November 11, 2023 2:11 PM
To: OIA Enquiries <[REDACTED]>
Subject: Manurewa Marae voting booth. OIA Request

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[REDACTED]

Regards [REDACTED]

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From: [Shane Whitfield](#)
To: [OIA Enquiries](#)
Subject: RE: Manurewa Marae voting booth. OIA Request
Date: Thursday, 16 November 2023 8:36:10 am
Attachments: [RE Contact Details.msg](#)
[RE Contact Details.msg](#)
[FW Further information and a request regarding Tamaki Makaurau.msg](#)
[image001.jpg](#)

Mōrena

These are the ones I have picked up so far relating to Q2, will forward any more I find! Kaimahi involved are also pulling together case file notes on all the hui we attended, there may be something of use in these re Q1, should start receiving them on Monday.

Shane

From: OIA Enquiries <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, November 15, 2023 4:28 PM
To: Shane Whitfield <[REDACTED]@elections.govt.nz>
Subject: FW: Manurewa Marae voting booth. OIA Request

Good afternoon Shane

As mentioned in the Team chat, we have received this request.

We cannot answer question one beyond advice we gave the candidate and who provided that advice. We will be able to answer question two.

At this stage this has only been shared with Izak to investigate employment of staff at this VP and provide general guidance about employing staff with party affiliations.

We are yet to contact Angel to ask about the VPM, electoral officials, scrutineers, and if anyone else lingered within the buffer zone of this voting place. We will be in touch tomorrow now the recounts are complete.

Please get in touch if you have or find anything relevant to this request.

Ngā mihi,

Tim [REDACTED] | Legal Policy Support Officer | **Electoral Commission** | Te Kaitiaki Take Kōwhiri
PO Box 3220 | Level 10, 34 – 42 Manners Street | Wellington | 6140
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Sent: Saturday, November 11, 2023 2:11 PM
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[redacted]

Regards [redacted]

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To: [OIA Enquiries](#)
Cc: [Izak \[REDACTED\]](#), [Kristina Temel](#)
Subject: RE: Manurewa Marae voting booth. OIA Request
Date: Thursday, 23 November 2023 11:36:32 am
Attachments: [image003.png](#)
[image004.png](#)
[image005.png](#)

Hi Ella

I'll send you my notes/feedback in the next day or two.

Ngā mihi

Angelica Tuyay Vargas | Electorate Manager – Manurewa & Tamaki Makaurau Electorates
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From: OIA Enquiries <[\[REDACTED\]](#)>
Sent: Thursday, November 23, 2023 10:38 AM
To: Angel Vargas <[\[REDACTED\]](#)@elections.govt.nz>
Cc: Izak <[\[REDACTED\]](#)@elections.govt.nz>; Kristina Temel <[\[REDACTED\]](#)@elections.govt.nz>
Subject: FW: Manurewa Marae voting booth. OIA Request

Kia ora Angel

We've received an Official Information Act request about Manuwera Marae. The request can be found below this email.

We hope you can assist us in answering question two. This includes any information within the scope of the request, particularly about the VPM, electoral officials, scrutineers, and if anyone else lingered within the buffer zone of this voting place. If you have any documentation or recollections, please drop them in this folder: [\[REDACTED\]](#) 106, or send them back to this email address.

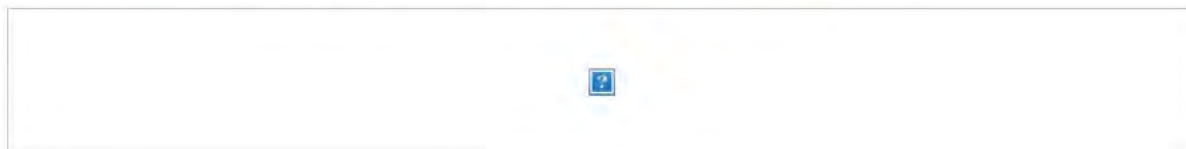
We will then prepare a response with the appropriate information to send back to the requestor.

This OIA is due **before COB 8/12/2023**.

Let me know if you have any further questions. Thanks for your help

Ngā mihi
Ella

Ella [\[REDACTED\]](#) ([she/her](#)) | Advisor Legal | **Electoral Commission** | **Te Kaitiaki Take Kōwhiri**
PO Box 3220 | Level 10, 34-42 Manners Street | Wellington | [vote.nz](#) | [elections.nz](#)



From: [\[REDACTED\]](#)
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To: OIA Enquiries <[REDACTED]>

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[REDACTED]

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From: [Shane Whitfield](#)
To: [Tim](#) [REDACTED]
Subject: Manurewa Marae
Date: Wednesday, 29 November 2023 8:13:30 am
Attachments: [Timeline for engagement with Manurewa Marae.docx](#)

Hi Tim – as discussed, here is the timeline I pulled together.

There is also a bunch of emails, would you like me to pop all those in the folder too? If so can you send me a link!

Shane

Timeline for engagement with Manurewa Marae	
Date	Activity
23 Jan	Following a connection made at Auckland Funfest (12-15 Jan), internal email exchange between Erin T, Georgia, and Crystal to discuss the opportunity to meet with Manurewa Marae.
27 Jan	<p>Online hui between Manurewa Marae and EC, a new date to meet set for 28 Feb.</p> <p>Notes provided by Erin [REDACTED]</p> <p>Participants - Crystal, Erin, Georgia (Commission) Te Kou, Natasha Kemp (Manurewa).</p> <p>Crystal introduced Erin and Georgia to Te Kou. Erin and Georgia spoke about our objectives to better serve Māori during GE 2023 and our interest in partnering with Māori organisations to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Secure property for voting places significant to Māori • Recruit Staff who could speak Te Reo and can work in a bilingual voting place. • Help with community engagement to increase participation and voter turnout. • Te Kou spoke about the work they had done through COVID and the Census and how they were able to increase turnouts for these community events in Manurewa, he thought the Marae Committee would also be interest in partnering with the commission to provide the same support they did to the Ministry of Health and Stats NZ <p>Next Steps - Te Kou would set up a follow up meeting to introduce us to the leadership team at Manurewa Marae</p>
2 Feb	Email exchange with Te Kou sorting contact details and confirming 28 th Feb.
28 Feb	<p>Hui at Manurewa Marae.</p> <p>Notes provided by Georgia [REDACTED]:</p> <p>Participants - Erin, Georgia (Commission); Te Kou, Hilda (Manurewa).</p> <p>Meeting purpose - This meeting was arranged to follow on from the meeting that was had on January 27th. This was the first in person meeting to discuss a space to do Community Engagement as well as provide a voting place at the marae. This was discussed due to the reach that the marae has had in previous events for eg: Covid Response and Census.</p> <p>Proceedings -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A space for Community Engagement • A space for the full voting period (2nd October up and including the 14th October) • Manurewa Marae sharing your event calendar and EC sharing key dates and time-frames. • Possible opportunities for Manurewa Marae staff to work within the Community Engagement space as well as working within the voting place (Marae whare). Erin suggested 2 options for this and that is Manurewa Marae gets a contract and pays staff or staff work for the Electoral Commission • If the staff are interested, they can work in the voting place but they would need to be employed by the Electoral Commission as they will be hired as Electoral Officials (we advised this can be discussed in more detail at later stage) • The Electorate Manager will need to do a voting place assessment at the Marae to ensure this is safe and secure for not only staff and voters but also voting materials. • If the Manurewa Marae can share key messages around Māori Electoral Option (01ST April – 14TH July) and also enrolling to vote. <p>Conclusion - Tekou and Hilda were going to take these discussions to their leadership and come back to the Electoral Commission on next steps.</p>

28 Feb	<p>Stakeholder hui at EC Ellerslie Office:</p> <p><i>Notes provided by Georgia [REDACTED]</i></p> <p><i>Participants – Erin [REDACTED] Georgia [REDACTED] Jeremy Kannemeyer, Kim Lockwood, Peter [REDACTED] and Angel Vargas (Commission); Tim [REDACTED] Tautoko [REDACTED] Virginia [REDACTED], Pania [REDACTED] Robert [REDACTED] Tom ?, Ann [REDACTED] and Ariana [REDACTED] (community advocates).</i></p> <p><i>Meeting purpose –</i> <i>This meeting was arranged following training for our Electorate Managers in Wellington. A session was delivered by Peter Potaka to our Electorate Managers about how we will improve services to Māori Voters for GE2023. So Georgia organised a meeting with our Community Advocate. They have been working with us since 2018 when we started our first lot of hui. The purpose of our community advocates is to provide insights on behalf of whanau within Tamaki Makaurau. Since 2018 we have had discussions around voting experiences and how we at the Commission can change the narrative for whanau for future elections.</i></p> <p><i>Proceedings -</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Opened with Karakia and Whanaungatanga for those that were new to the hui.</i> - <i>Showed the video that was made in Highbury around how we can improve services to Māori (video was also shown to Electorate Managers at training)</i> - <i>Talked about Locations, opening hours, and staffing for these voting places.</i> - <i>Suggestions were made from our community advocates about using Marae around Auckland, the ones that suggested were Papakura, Manurewa, Ruapotaka, Orakei, and Hoani Waititi Marae</i> - <i>Discussed how we can connect our Electorate Managers to our Community Advocates</i> - <i>Next Steps from this hui</i> <p><i>Conclusion -</i> <i>Community Advocates understood what we were trying to do at the Commission to improve services to Māori and that was finding voting places where Māori resonate with, ensuring they have Māori working within these voting places and ensuring that the opening hours were convenient to Māori.</i> <i>From this meeting, Georgia connected the different community advocates to the different Electorate Managers dependent on what part of Auckland they represent.</i> <i>Community advocates assisted with insights on where and also gave contacts of locations so electorates manager could make contact and arrange assessments for the different voting places.</i></p>
3 Mar	Email exchange sharing minutes from 28 Feb Manurewa Marae hui.
6 Mar	Further email exchange noting current priority on MEO campaign starting from April 1st. Te Kou copies Natasha Kemp into this exchange.
7-9 Mar	Email exchange to organise hui with Director Voting Services. Noted by Erin that meeting with Martin will help speed up the process and secure Marae funding. Hui agreed for 14 March
14 Mar	<p>Meeting at Manurewa Marae..</p> <p><i>Notes provided by Georgia [REDACTED]</i></p> <p><i>Participants - Martin Rodgers, Erin [REDACTED] Jeremy Kannemeyer, Georgia [REDACTED] Kim Lockwood (Electoral Commission); Natasha Kemp, Hilda [REDACTED] Tekou [REDACTED] (Manurewa marae).</i></p> <p><i>Meeting purpose -</i> <i>One of the Electoral Commission’s strategic goals for GE 2023 is to improve voting services to Māori. The Manurewa marae has a very strong community base and has successfully delivered programmes to local Māori communities for Covid vaccination programmes and food parcels. The meeting was arranged to discuss the possibility of utilizing the networks established by the Manurewa marae and setting up a voting place at the marae to improve Māori voter turnout.</i></p>

Proceedings -

Informal discussions were held to assess this opportunity and any risk assessment of using the marae as a voting place. This would cover both advance voting and election day.

Topics included:

- *Obtaining approval for Manurewa marae's executive*
- *Any conflict of interest between the marae's CEO (standing as a candidate for the Māori Party) and the Electoral Commission's operating guidelines*
- *The marae's perceived connection with the Māori Party*
- *The role of tikanga at a voting place*
- *Setting up a voting place, including employing marae staff, training, voting place assessment, training, and any payment of using the marae as a voting place*
- *Possible involvement of Te Pae Herenga o Tamaki marae and other marae around the country as voting places*

Conclusion -

Following a useful and constructive discussion both parties agreed to discuss the issues further with their respective organisations and arrange a follow-up meeting within the coming weeks. Furthermore, there was some discussion of developing a MOU between the two parties to clearly delineate roles and responsibilities.

17 May

VP assessment completed by EM.

Notes provided by Angelica Vargas:

Participants – Angel Vargas (Commission); Cardena [REDACTED] (Manurewa Marae)

Meeting purpose -

The purpose of the meeting was to assess proposed voting space (wharekai) and explain operational requirements to Marae staff to ensure good voting service delivery to the community i.e. opening hours, preparation work (EC and marae) prior to voting period, security via Māori Wardens, secure storage of key voting materials and next steps.

Meeting Notes (taken from follow up email on 26 May) –

1. *As discussed, below are our proposed dates and opening hours.*

Days	Opening Hours
<i>Mon 2nd to Fri 6th October</i>	<i>10:00am to 4:00pm</i>
<i>Sat 7th October</i>	<i>10:00am to 3:00pm</i>
<i>Sun 8th October</i>	<i>Closed</i>
<i>Mon 9th to Wed 11th October</i>	<i>10:00am to 4:00pm</i>
<i>Thurs 12th October</i>	<i>10:00am to 7:00pm</i>
<i>Fri 13th October</i>	<i>10:00am to 4:00pm</i>
<i>Election Day - 14th October</i>	<i>9:00am to 7:00pm</i>

2. *During **advance voting**, the Voting Team will be on site 30min before opening and closing times. The only exception will be Monday 2nd October when they will have to set-up for the first time. I will let the Voting Place Manager discuss the timing directly with you. For **election day**, the Voting Team will be on site until preliminary count is finished and the key materials are packed ready for transport to Electorate Headquarters. Finish time can be anywhere from 9:30pm until late.*

	<p>3. <i>It would be great if the Maori Wardens can provide security during late nights and on election day. Kindly send me details regarding arrangements and hourly rates so I can get approval from my Regional Manager.</i></p> <p>4. <i>There is a lockable room at the voting space that we can use for overnight storage of key voting materials. Only two people have keys to the room – Office Manager (Lola) and the Finance Manager.</i></p> <p>5. <i>The Voting Place Manager, once appointed, will discuss the details with you nearer to the date.</i></p> <p>6. <i>If you can recommend and send me the names of people who are interested to work at the marae (or at other locations), that will be great. There will be an interview for the manager and a short assessment for the other roles. If successful and they are available, they can also be employed for post-election activities at HQ.</i></p> <p>7. <i>Attached is our recruitment flyer to register interest to work and would appreciate if you can distribute it to your staff and their family/friends who might be interested (16+ can work with us). Recruitment for these roles will be available at the start of July.</i></p> <p><i>Conclusion - Another meeting will be scheduled nearer to the election period for a more detailed discussion and a follow-up by the Voting Place Manager once appointed.</i></p>
26 May	Follow up email with Manurewa re VP assessment, proposed opening hours, and request for information.
6 Jun	Response from marae copying in Hilda [REDACTED] and Tarsh Kemp
26 Jul	Marae informs EM of building work taking place and need to change VP location, offer of a different location on the grounds made by Natasha. EM responds wanting to come and check alternative venue.
31 Jul	[REDACTED] feedback on draft voting places received which includes concerns expressed re Manurewa Marae.
1 Aug	<p>Meeting at Marae to assess new location.</p> <p><u>Notes provided by Angel Vargas:</u></p> <p><i>Participants – Angel Vargas (Commission); Cardena [REDACTED] (Manurewa)</i></p> <p><i>Meeting purpose - The original voting space (wharekai) became unavailable due to renovation works. An alternative space within the premises was proposed and for EC to check if suitable.</i></p> <p><i>Meeting Notes - The main purpose of the site visit was to assess if alternative space is suitable for voting in terms of size, layout, entrance/exit flow and alternatives if raining, parking and other physical site requirements. No other issues were discussed.</i></p> <p><i>Conclusion - Initial check found the space to be suitable for advance and election day voting. A meeting still had to be arranged with Hilda [REDACTED] to discuss other important issues regarding the marae as a voting place.</i></p>
16 Aug	Response to [REDACTED] noting the rationale for using Manurewa.
22 Aug	Confirmation letter and Licence to Occupy sent to Marae, confirmation of receipt received.
23 Aug	Request from Natasha around revising opening hours

25 Aug	Reply from EM with rationale and options to consider. Revised documentation sent through with change to opening hours.
30 Aug	<p>Onsite meeting with Hilda to go over details including recruitment, operations, security, costs etc. Meeting notes shared the following day:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Names to you regarding Kaimahi from the Marae (Hilda) - Send JD (Angel) - Send link for Kaimahi to apply (Angel) - Send names of security (Hilda) - Find a locked room in the Puna (Hilda) - 16th September is training day <p><u>Additional notes provided by Angel Vargas:</u></p> <p><i>Participants – Angel Vargas (Commission); Hilda [REDACTED] (Manurewa)</i></p> <p><i>Meeting purpose -</i> <i>To discuss and resolve all outstanding issues prior to the marae being used as an advance and election day voting place.</i></p> <p><i>Meeting Notes -</i> <i>The following action points were discussed:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>Voting space will be cleared and ready for set-up by our voting team prior to 2nd October. Entrance and exit options were assessed to make sure that the layout did not impede flow of voters.</i> 2. <i>Opening hours were confirmed by Angel.</i> 3. <i>Hilda confirmed that Māori wardens can provide security services during the voting period and names will be provided beforehand.</i> 4. <i>Recruitment was discussed – Angel will send job descriptions and link to online application for kaimahi to apply (Note: After the meeting, names of recommended candidates were provided by Hilda via e-mail but only four were appointed due to availability. One was appointed as VPM for advance and election day and the three other applicants worked only on Saturday for advance voting and on election day.)</i> 5. <i>Angel explained recruitment process and confirmed upcoming training dates.</i> 6. <i>Angel explained and emphasized the need for political neutrality within and around the voting place. Logos, flags, clothing with details of political parties or candidates and any other promotional materials were not to be displayed near the voting place. Hilda confirmed understanding and agreement to this requirement.</i> <p><i>Conclusion -</i> <i>Both agreed that all action notes or open issues will be followed-up via email messages. The next face-to-face contact with the marae will be through the voting team.</i></p>
31 Aug	Reminder email sent to complete 'Licence to Occupy' and 'Tax Invoice'. Copied to CE of Manurewa.
13 Sept	Phone call and emails exchanged regarding recruitment
21 Sept	Further recruitment related emails.
3 Oct	Complaints raised by [REDACTED] regarding social media post
4 Oct	Enquiry with Marae who note they will "look into it".
11 Oct	Complaint received from Freedom NZ Party, email to Marae who confirm that kai is provided to all people attending marae not just those who have voted.
1 Nov	Complaint received from [REDACTED]
8 Nov	Further concerns raised by [REDACTED]
9 Nov	Response to [REDACTED] from Commission.
	Receive complaint from member of the public.

Timeline for engagement with Te Pae Herenga O Tāmaki	
Date	Activity
17 Mar	Email from Natasha Kemp to EC following meeting at Manurewa an 14 March. Connects EC to Renee (Ops Manager for Te Pae Herenga).
27 Mar	Follow up email sent from Lance (Director, Health Reforms) seeking to meet with EC regarding improving Māori turnout for the GE. Notes the marae involved in the collective.
3 Apr	<p>Hui between EC and TPH, Manurewa, and Waipareira. Minutes shared by Lance later that day:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Te Pae Herenga o Tāmaki Partners to be registered as Polling Booths for the October 2023 General Election. The eight organisations included in the presentations, plus we will have others to add for example, Hoani Waititi Marae, Te Kaha O Te Rangatahi. - Te Pae Herenga o Tāmaki Partners to also be registered as mobile Polling Booths for the October 2023 General Election. This is to allow our vehicles / tents etc to be set up at Parks, Community Centres, Kōhanga Reo, Kura Kaupapa Māori to improve access for Whānau. - All our Māori Partners to have their respective polling booths open for the two weeks leading into the Election (inclusive of Election Day). - The ability for our respective staff to pick up completed votes and deliver to approved Polling Booths to improve access for Whānau. - Funding and training for our respective staff to manage the polling booths. - Using your baseline digital information and dissemination through our social media networks. <p>As discussed, Te Pae Herenga o Tāmaki Partners will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ensure there are at least 2 Te Reo Māori speakers at all our Polling Booths. - Run Rangatahi specific events to encourage young voters to register and vote. - Run Kuia and Kaumatua friendly events to encourage older voters to register and vote. - Use our various Te Pae Herenga o Tāmaki and Partners social media platforms to encourage Māori to register and vote. <p><u>Additional notes provided by Georgia [REDACTED]</u></p> <p><i>Participants - Erin [REDACTED] Georgia [REDACTED] Kate Sewell, Hone Matthews (Commission); Lance Norman, Maria [REDACTED] Renee [REDACTED], Tarsha [REDACTED] Jaqui [REDACTED] Tarsh Takutai-Kemp, Hilda [REDACTED] (Te Pae Herenga).</i></p> <p><i>Meeting purpose -</i> <i>One of the Electoral Commission's strategic goals for GE 2023 is to improve voting services to Māori. Initially we had discussions with the Manurewa Marae on the 14th March and from this meeting, discussions were had around working with Te Pae Herenga Collective as we could look at a bigger reach of Māori across Tamaki Makaurau.</i></p> <p><i>Proceedings -</i> <i>This meeting began with Whanaungatanga, and then Lance Norman delivered a presentation giving an overview of the Collective, their Education Strategy and their Health Strategy. It covered their mahi on how they engaged with Māori Communities across Tāmaki (and Aotearoa) during the Covid-19 response.</i></p> <p><i>Conclusion -</i> <i>Electoral Commission staff to take this information back to the leadership team to discuss next steps. Gee to follow up with organising site assessments with partners within the Collective alongside Renee (Te Pae Herenga Collective).</i></p>
4 Apr	Internal email discussing successful hui and noting potential for relationship.
6 Apr	Response from EC agreeing with all the above and suggesting next steps:

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Site Inspections for fixed locations and an agreement of opening days and hours for advanced voting and Election Day 2. Discuss and create a shared calendar for: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Mobile / Pop up units for advance voting b. Enrolment / Education opportunities leading up to GE 2023 e.g., Whanau days. 3. Recruitment plan for staff working in Voting Places 4. Develop a training schedule for Takeaway votes and Voting staff. 5. Organise a wananga two weeks after the Election to review the service provided to our community.
12 Apr	Follow up email from EC seeking confirmation of site inspections.
23 Apr	Response from TPH proposing 14 sites
1 May	Acknowledgement email and additional contacts provided
4-8 May	Internal kōrero re suitability and risks of working with Collective. Agree to proceed.
12 May	Internal hui between VS and SEP to discuss risk management and planning. Agree that Directors will hold responsibility to progress MoU with the Collective
15 May	Internal approach to L&P regarding drafting an MoU
15 May	Email from Renee (Ops Lead) re enrolment information
16 May	<p>Hui between EC and TPH to discuss progressing MoU. Agree to set up a wānanga between the parties to facilitate this.</p> <p>Notes Provided by Georgia [REDACTED]:</p> <p>Participants- Erin [REDACTED] Georgia [REDACTED] Kate Sewell (Commission); Lance Norman, Maria [REDACTED]</p> <p>Meeting purpose - Emails were exchanged prior to this meeting and Lance confirmed that they will propose to use the following sites for Voting Places for this year's General Election:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Whātua - 1 & 3-5 Rendall Place, Auckland. (2) Te Puna Hauora o Te Raki Paewhenua - 58 Akoranga Drive, Northcote, Auckland. (3) Te Whānau o Waipareira - Ground Floor, 6/8 Pioneer Street, Henderson, Auckland. (4) Ruapotaka Marae - 106 Line Road, Glen Innes, Auckland. (5) Manukau Urban Māori Authority / Nga Whare Waatea Marae - 31 Calthorp Close, Favona, Auckland. (6) Manurewa Marae - 81 Finlayson Avenue, Clendon Park, Manukau City. (7) Papakura Marae - 29 Hunua Road, Auckland. (8) Huakina Development Trust - 15/17 Roulston Street, Pukekohe. (9) Hoani Waititi Marae - 451 West Coast Road, Oratia, Auckland. (10) Te Kaha O Te Rangatahi - 2b Jellicoe Road, Manurewa, Auckland. (11) Mobile Collection Van - Te Whānau o Waipareira - West Auckland. (12) Mobile Collection Van - Manurewa Marae - South Auckland. <p>Other Sites:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (13) Te Mahurehure Cultural Marae - 65/73 Premier Avenue, Point Chevalier, Auckland. (14) Orakei Marae - 59B Kitemoana Street, Orakei, Auckland. <p>Danielle and Renee are the Relationship Managers for Te Pae Herenga o Tāmaki partners. Jacqui is the Chair of Te Pae Herenga o Tāmaki. Renee is planning on sending information out to the partners in the coming week. She will coordinate site visits with the Partners and our team over the next few weeks. Maria Halligan supports the organisations with funding proposals. Both Maria and Lance will connect with the team regarding budgets and timing.</p> <p>Proceedings:</p>

	<p>A MOU that needs to be agreed and in place prior to operational aspects of setting up voting places. To develop a MOU to capture key goals and conditions relating to the relationship between EC and the Collective:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Identify a key contact person within the Collective – Maria/Jackie - The EC to be represented by Martin Rodgers and Shane Whitfield - Ensure political neutrality - Ensure there are no incentives/inducements to encourage voter turnout - Ensure there are clear guidelines regarding political party regalia – to cover both advance voting and ED - Gain clarity about funding of sites to be used as VPs - Expand initiative to other sites in the North Island? <p><u>Voting place management</u> Voting Services to take responsibilities for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - VP assessments of all agreed sites (Electorate Manager) - Recruitment - actively engage with marae personnel to recruit staff to work in the VP. To ensure political neutrality (Electorate Manager) - Appoint VP staff in conjunction with marae (Electorate Manager) - Training <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o To be conducted at a designated marae for all sites identified within the Collective (Electorate Manager) o Training resources required from NO to support Te Reo initiatives <p>Erin advised the need for an MOU moving forward and the next step was to organise a Wānanga between Martin/Shane for the Electoral Commission and the same level leadership for Te Pae Herenga to discuss and agree on a MOU. Georgia also mentioned that some of the proposed sites that were on offer to use as Voting Places had already been agreed to use at a local level. These sites were Ruapotaka Marae, Manurewa Marae, Papakura Marae, Hoani Waititi Marae and Orakei Marae</p> <p>Conclusion - Erin to propose a date that will work for Te Pae Herenga Collective and the Electoral Commission to discuss MOU. Erin sent emails to Te Pae Herenga Collective.</p>
17-19 May	Further internal discussion regarding logistics, noted request from Karl to have MoU in place before confirming any voting places. MoU noted to ensure coverage for political neutrality.
23 May	Internal hui to progress MoU, aiming for June 1 to hold wānanga. Proposed date shared with Collective.
26 May	Email noting yet to hear back from Collective
22 June	Email from EC seeking to progress site usage kōrero. Provided a list of the proposed sites and progress on confirming each of them as a VP.
30 June	After multiple attempts at contact, suggestion is made to halt plans with Collective and instead progress kōrero with individual marae. Agree to proceed.
4 July	Paper from VS to Board noting relationship with the Collective and related mahi.
21 July	Response to 22 June email noting contact person had been away. Advises of the need to connect with remaining partner sites to progress the kōrero.
24 – 28 Jul	Internal emails discussing whether to re-visit original plans. Email notes the link between political party and Waipareira.
2 Aug	Email from Waipareira funding lead seeking to progress our partnered approach again.
4 Aug	Hui organised for 9 August with Collective. Advice from VS is that they are still interested in locking in further voting places, and they are comfortable for hui to proceed.
7 Aug	Internal emails show final agreement to not to proceed with Collective and instead work with individual marae, Collective will be informed at upcoming hui.
9 Aug	Follow up hui to decision on working with individual marae.
	Notes provided by Georgia [REDACTED]

Participants – Erin [REDACTED] Georgia [REDACTED] Kate Sewell (Commission); Lance Norman, Maria [REDACTED] Dan [REDACTED]

Meeting purpose -

Te Pae Herenga to progress with their business case and to come together to discuss the finer details around operationalising an approach led by Te Whānau o Waipareira and Te Pae Herenga Collective

Proceedings -

An assumption was made by the Collective that all voting places that were proposed were confirmed to use as voting places for this year's GE, Georgia confirmed that she had made numerous attempts with Renee to co-ordinate site visits to the proposed sites within the Collective and there was no reply from Renee. They advised that she had gone on Maternity leave.

Conclusion -

Georgia advised that all voting places needed to be assessed and confirmed by the 22nd of August latest and at this point would not progress further. Lance thought that voting places were confirmed as they were on the draft voting services information sent to political parties, but it was clarified that these were as placeholders only and couldn't be confirmed as we could not get the assessment completed due to not having any contact from Te Pae Herenga (Renee).

From: [Angel Vargas](#)
To: [OIA Enquiries](#)
Cc: [Izak \[REDACTED\]](#) [Kristina Temel](#)
Subject: RE: Manurewa Marae voting booth. OIA Request
Date: Thursday, 30 November 2023 10:49:26 am
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Hi Ella

See my notes below (I added in some extra information, so please edit out if not relevant).

Question 1

I saw Takutai Moana Kemp near the entrance to the voting place when I visited on 5th Oct at 11am to check on the team. She definitely was not there to vote and she stayed for a few minutes (I believe she left when she saw me). I personally did not see her interact with people who accepted the offer of food and drinks within the 10m buffer zone.

As for the other days, I did not receive any written or verbal reports from my voting place team nor from my mobile support on this matter.

There is another location within the Manurewa Marae premises where they offer food and drinks to the community. This was approximately 30m away from the voting place and too far away for my team to see whether Takutai Moana Kemp stayed/lingered at that spot. I believe the food was offered to everybody whether they have voted or not.

Question 2

There were no Te Pāti Māori officials employed or involved in any way in the running of the voting place.

Also, none of the voting team were actually staff from the marae. My team were people that volunteer there and have employment outside the marae. One other person, who only worked on election day, is on the Board of Trustees for the marae but also is employed outside of it.

Let me know if you need any othe information.

Ngā mihi

Angelica Tuyay Vargas | Electorate Manager – Manurewa & Tamaki Makaurau Electorates
Electoral Commission | Te Kaitiaki Take Kōwhiri
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To: Angel Vargas <[REDACTED]@elections.govt.nz>
Cc: Izak [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@elections.govt.nz>; Kristina Temel [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@elections.govt.nz>
Subject: FW: Manurewa Marae voting booth. OIA Request

Kia ora Angel

We've received an Official Information Act request about Manuwera Marae. The request can be found below this email.

We hope you can assist us in answering question two. This includes any information within the scope of the request, particularly about the VPM, electoral officials, scrutineers, and if anyone else lingered within the buffer zone of this

voting place. If you have any documentation or recollections, please drop them in this folder: [106 \[REDACTED\]](#), or send them back to this email address.

We will then prepare a response with the appropriate information to send back to the requestor.

This OIA is due **before COB 8/12/2023**.

Let me know if you have any further questions. Thanks for your help

Ngā mihi
Ella

Ella [REDACTED] ([she/her](#)) | Advisor Legal | **Electoral Commission** | **Te Kaitiaki Take Kōwhiri**
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Subject: Manurewa Marae voting booth. OIA Request

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1. Was Takutai Moana Kemp at the Manurewa Marae at any time during Election day? If so, how long was she there and was she mixing and talking with people who had come there to cast their votes or partake in the free food and drinks?
2. Were any te Party Maori officials employed or involved in any way in the running of this booth other than as an official scrutineers and if so who were they and what role did they play?

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Good afternoon

Here is our response to the request.

2. Were any te Party Maori officials employed or involved in any way in the running of this booth other than as an official scrutineers and if so who were they and what role did they play?

It is not possible to give a 100% definitive answer to this question. However, we ask all applicants who register their interest to work for the Commission if they have any affiliation with any political party and if there are any conflicts of interest that they need to declare. We also ask the same when doing reference checks. If anything is raised here, we will follow up to the point of getting legal advice if we should or could employ someone who answered positively to these questions. Based on these checks we can say that we did not employ anyone from Te Party Māori and that no one who worked at that booth other than Scrutineers were associated with any political party.

All RRM's have finished their employment of the Commission and we do not have a 100% accurate record of who specifically worked at which booth.

I trust this information would be sufficient to respond to the OIA. The only other way of trying to find out would be to have a list of the names of all te Party Māori officials to cross reference it to whom applied and were appointed to positions in the whole electorate. After this we may have to look at where individual employees may have been deployed. This would be a significant piece of work.

Please let me know if you need further information of details.

Kind regards,

Izak

Izak [REDACTED] | Manager People and Culture | **Electoral Commission** | Te Kaitiaki Take Kōwhiri
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Subject: RE: Manurewa Marae voting booth. OIA Request
Importance: High

Kia ora Izak

We have this OIA due next Friday, however a few of us are away and with Angel's last day tomorrow we are putting together a draft today with the hope to get it out as soon as we can.

Angel has helped us with most of the answer to question 2 but we were hoping you could please

provide general guidance about employing staff with party affiliations to incorporate in our answer to question 2?

Ngā mihi
Zara

Zara [REDACTED] | Advisor Legal

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Subject: FW: Manurewa Marae voting booth. OIA Request

Kia ora Izak

We received the below OIA request on Saturday.

Could you please give us your official response to question 2. This will be **due before COB 8 December 2023**.

I have created an OIA folder and have a draft letter sitting within for you to drop your answer into:

[106](#) [REDACTED]

Let me know if you have any questions.

Ngā mihi
Zara

Zara [REDACTED] | Advisor Legal

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To: [EC Legal](#)
Subject: REQUEST TO INVESTIGATE POTENTIAL BREACHES OF ELECTORAL ACT 1993
Date: Tuesday, 4 June 2024 3:47:35 pm
Attachments: [4 June 2024 Letter to Electoral Commission.pdf](#)

Hi Legal Team,

Here is an enquiry from [REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]

Date: Tue, Jun 4, 2024 at 3:41 pm

Refer to the attached letter. I look forward to hearing from you.

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] | Operations Support | Electoral Commission | Te Kaitiaki Take Kōwhiri

PO Box 3220, Wellington 6140

[REDACTED]

4 June 2024

Karl Le Quesne
Chief Electoral Officer and Chief Executive
Electoral Commission

By email: [REDACTED]

REQUEST TO INVESTIGATE POTENTIAL BREACHES OF ELECTORAL ACT 1993

Tēnā koe Karl,

- 1 I write in relation to the recent reporting in the media about the potential misuse of census data centred around a contract held by the Whānau Ora Commissioning Agency and Manurewa Marae.¹ As you will know, Stats NZ have already announced they are investigating the matter and a complaint has been made to the police.
- 2 There are allegations in the article concerning the offering of food, drink and vouchers by Manurewa Marae to induce electors to switch from the General electoral roll to the Māori electoral roll:

Visitors to the marae last year were also given \$100 supermarket vouchers when they completed the forms to switch rolls.

...

Throughout the year, staff say were repeatedly drilled to get marae visitors and clients to switch rolls. "The directive was continuous. Every time we had morning debriefs, it would come up."

...

The marae staffed a dedicated desk for visitors to fill out the enrolment form, the ex-employee said. "The vocab they were told to use was basically: 'Sign this, or you can't get that.'

"They would say: 'Tick that box ... to change rolls, and then we can give you your voucher'.

"To me they were using a community that was already in poverty, using the food and that so they will come in. They knew that they'd come in because they'd get vouchers and free coffee and ice-cream.

"A lot of people came. We were overrun."

¹ <https://www.thepost.co.nz/politics/350293431/stats-nz-investigating-potential-misuse-maori-census-data>

3 John Tamihere, on behalf of the Whānau Ora Commissioning Agency responded to the allegations, per the article:

“It would be pretty stupid not to put both together, wouldn't it? Well, that's what occurred,” Tamihere said. “Our civic duty to our people is to alert them to both.

“When we do relationships with our people and they come to our maraes, we either provide kai or kai manaaki packaging. You call it an inducement, we call it maanaaki.

4 And also:

Tamihere also denied Te Pāti Māori leaflets were included in support packages. “Free kai, coffee and ice creams for babies were provided by the marae to maanaaki our whānau as a form of ‘treating’.

5 I am concerned by Mr Tamihere’s admission of ‘treating’.

6 I am writing to ask you to investigate this matter further in your role as chief electoral officer to ascertain if any corrupt or illegal practices have been committed under the Electoral Act 1993 (the **Act**) in the lead up to the 2023 General Election, especially either bribery or treating.

7 We note these matters are new and additional to the previous issues raised with the Commission in relation to Manurewa Marae.²

Tāmaki Makaurau Māori electorate - 2023 General Election

8 This is especially important given the events described, centred around Manurewa Marae, took place in the Tāmaki Makaurau Māori electorate.

9 Takutai Tarsh Kemp was the chief executive of Manurewa Marae at the time the alleged inducements occurred and only stood down from this role after winning the Tāmaki Makaurau Māori electorate in the 2023 General Election post 3 November 2023 when the official results were declared. She announced her candidacy for the election in February 2023, before the census took place.

10 In the 2023 General Election, Takutai Tarsh Kemp for Te Pati Māori won the Tāmaki Makaurau Māori electorate, over Peeni Henare of Labour by a very slim margin of 42 votes.

11 This was the closest result in any Māori electorate in the 2023 General Election and if the matters set out above did breach the Act they may very likely have also influenced the result in that electorate.

Potential Breaches of the Electoral Act 1993

12 An elector changing their registration between the General and Māori electoral districts became possible through the exercise of the “Māori option” introduced into the Act by the Electoral (Māori Electoral Option) Legislation Act 2022 which came into force on 31 March 2023.

² The previous allegations of breach of the Electoral Act 1993 by providing food during advance voting which the Electoral Commission chose not to refer to the police, as referred to in the article, and the separate matter of deleted social media videos promoting free food at the marae on providing proof of voting as report on here - <https://www.thepost.co.nz/politics/350170085/deleted-social-media-posts-raise-further-questions-about-treating-marae-polling>

- 13 It appears from the article that certain persons, on behalf of Manurewa Marae, run by one of the candidates in the election, gave incentives to electors in the form of food, drink and vouchers of monetary value to induce them to switch from the general electorate roll to the Māori electorate roll.
- 14 The Chief Executive of the Marae was standing in the relevant *Māori* electorate and so this switching of rolls effectively made them into electors eligible to vote for her.
- 15 It appears these actions constitute bribery under s 216 of the Act or treating under s 217 of the Act.
- 16 Both bribery and treating involve inducing of voters to vote or refrain from voting. The effect of switching between electorates effectively means that person will no longer be able to vote for the relevant general electorate but only be eligible to vote in the Māori electorate.
- 17 I look forward to hearing from you.

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From: [EC Legal](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: REQUEST TO INVESTIGATE POTENTIAL BREACHES OF ELECTORAL ACT 1993
Date: Monday, 10 June 2024 10:01:00 am
Attachments: [image001.jpg](#)

Kia ora [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email.

We will be in touch with a response shortly.

Ngā mihi

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From: [REDACTED]

Date: Tue, Jun 4, 2024 at 3:41 pm

Refer to the attached letter. I look forward to hearing from you.

[REDACTED]

From: [EC Legal](#) on behalf of [L & P Enquiries](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: REQUEST TO INVESTIGATE POTENTIAL BREACHES OF ELECTORAL ACT 1993
Date: Tuesday, 18 June 2024 4:23:00 pm
Attachments: [image001.jpg](#)
[Response to letter - \[REDACTED\].pdf](#)

Kia ora [REDACTED]

Please find attached a response from the Commission.

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From: EC Legal
Sent: Monday, June 10, 2024 10:01 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: REQUEST TO INVESTIGATE POTENTIAL BREACHES OF ELECTORAL ACT 1993

Kia ora Andrew

Thank you for your email.

We will be in touch with a response shortly.

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From: [REDACTED]
Date: Tue, Jun 4, 2024 at 3:41 pm

Refer to the attached letter. I look forward to hearing from you.



18 June 2023

[REDACTED]
Director
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

RESPONSE TO LETTER

Kia ora [REDACTED]

Thank you for your letter dated 4 June 2024.

We have previously looked into potential breaches of the Electoral Act relating to activities at Manurewa Marae. These were about whether those activities at the Marae during the election should be considered treating. The concerns you have outlined are about earlier activity and whether there was pressure for people to change electoral rolls. In this response, we will provide information on our inquiries to date, and a response to your questions regarding treating and bribery and encouraging people to enrol on the Māori roll.

The Manurewa Marae was identified by the Electoral Commission along with other local marae including Papakura, Ruapōtaka, and Ōrākei Marae as a potential venue that members of the surrounding community would readily vote in. It was noted that Manurewa Marae had recently offered COVID-19 vaccinations and opportunities to participate in the Census. It is used by the Ministry of Social Development to promote employment opportunities. It is also used as a community hub by virtue of its medical services and food bank.

In our discussions with the marae, it was mentioned that they might provide kai and or activities to create a family friendly environment around the voting place. We were clear that the opportunity to receive kai or participate in the activities must be available to anyone coming to the marae and cannot be dependent on people voting. It is not uncommon for schools or other community organisations to host activities around voting places on this basis.

The marae was advertised as a voting place issuing votes for the Manurewa general electorate and the Tāmaki Makaurau Māori electorate and like all voting places, it also issued special votes for all general and Māori electorates across the country.

Under section 217 of the Electoral Act, anyone who gives or provides food, drink, entertainment or provision is liable for prosecution for the corrupt practice of treating, if done “for the purpose of corruptly” influencing that person to, generally put, alter their voting behaviour or procure the defendant’s election.

Although the ambit is broad, the threshold for establishing treating is also high - a corrupt intention is required. The Courts have previously held that the offence of “treating” requires an intention on the part of the person treating to influence the votes of the persons treated.

In this case, it appears that the marae was publicly offering kai and entertainment alongside a whole range of organised marae activities including whanau day, kapa haka day, health checks, employment expo, and the Electoral Commission’s voting place.

When we looked into the matter in 2023 it appeared that food was being made generally available without reference to voting or voting for Te Pāti Māori or its candidate. There did not appear to be any overt campaigning associated with the provision of food.

Based on the information we have, we do not consider that this would meet the high test for treating and have not referred the matter to Police.

Māori choose the general roll or the Māori roll when they first enrol to vote. People can change the roll type they are on at any time, except in the three months before a general election, in the three months before local elections which are held every three years, and before a parliamentary by-election if the change would move you into the electorate where the by-election is being held. The choice is up to each individual elector.

The roll choice affects which candidates an elector can choose from in parliamentary elections and local elections. A person that chooses the Māori roll, will vote for a candidate in the Māori electorate they live in. A person that chooses the general roll, will vote for a candidate in the general electorate they live in. They will vote for the same list of political parties in a general election, whichever roll they choose to be on. If they choose the Māori roll, and their local council has a Māori ward or constituency, they will vote for candidates in the Māori ward or constituency. If they choose the general roll, they will vote for candidates in the general ward or constituency.

The Māori Electoral Option choice also helps determine the number of Māori and general electorates in future elections. The number of Māori on the general and Māori rolls, together with the results of the census, are used to work out the number of general and Māori electorates. The number of Māori enrolled on the Māori roll could mean the number of Māori electorates increases, decreases, or stays the same for future elections. In accordance with the Electoral Act, the Electoral Commission provided the number of Māori enrolled on the Māori and general rolls on 1 April 2024 to Stats NZ. Stats NZ will be calculating the number of electorates for the 2026 General Election. The Representation Commission will then review the names and boundaries of the electorates.

From 31 March to 13 July 2023, around the same time as the census, the Electoral Commission had an awareness campaign underway about the legislative changes to the Māori Electoral Option that came into force on 31 March 2023 and the period Māori electors could choose to change roll types prior to the general election. Information provided by the Electoral Commission is neutral and emphasises that it is an individual’s choice.

Encouraging or persuading an elector of Māori descent to enrol on the Māori roll versus the general roll or to switch from one to another would not be appropriate for an electoral official and would be contrary to the Electoral Commission’s code of conduct. However, it is not an offence under the

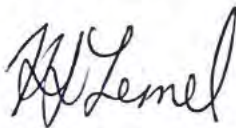
Electoral Act for a person or organisation to encourage or persuade a person of Māori descent as to which roll type they should choose. Enrolment forms are publicly available and community groups and political parties and candidates can request copies of the forms and encourage people to enrol ([Order resources | Elections](#)).

The Commission's assessment is that encouraging people to enrol on the Māori roll does not constitute bribery or treating on the basis the elector would be eligible to vote in an electorate that the party and/or candidate is contesting. More would be required; under the Electoral Act treating or bribery must have a corrupt intent and be more closely related to influencing voting for a party or candidate. The information the Commission has received to date is not sufficient to establish this.

The Commission will reconsider any matter if any new information is provided. We understand that a number of complaints have recently been made to Police and other agencies that are currently being looked into. The Electoral Commission will provide any assistance requested by those agencies and consider any new information that they make available regarding electoral matters, but will not comment further while those investigations are being undertaken.

Thank you for getting in touch with the Commission to raise your concerns with us.

Yours sincerely



Kristina Temel
Manager, Legal and Policy

From: [L & P Enquiries](#)
To: [Lance Norman](#)
Subject: Te Pati Māori signage - visible in Taupo (Lake Terrace Rd)
Date: Saturday, 14 October 2023 8:17:17 am
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Kia ora Lance,

We have received a complaint that Te Pati Māori signage was still visible at 7.30am in Taupo on Lake Terrace Rd near to the left of Napier Road. As you would be aware, any signage still visible on election day would be in breach of election day rules under section 197 of the Electoral Act 1993.

Could you please investigate this and let us know when this sign has been taken down?

Ngā mihi,

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From: [L & P Enquiries](#)
To: [Lance Norman](#)
Subject: Te Pati Māori signage - Papatoetoe
Date: Saturday, 14 October 2023 9:44:22 am
Attachments: [IMG_20231014_090646_480.jpg](#)
[IMG_20231014_090648_788.jpg](#)
[IMG_20231014_090636_276.jpg](#)
[IMG_20231014_090639_902.jpg](#)
[image001.png](#)
Importance: High

Kia ora Lance,

We have received a complaint that Te Pati Māori signage is still visible at 9am this morning at the corner of Portages Road and Park Avenue Papatoetoe (**see attached photos**). As you would be aware, any signage still visible on election day would be in breach of election day rules under section 197 of the Electoral Act 1993.

Could you please investigate this and let us know when this sign has been taken down?

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From: [L & P Enquiries](#)
To: [Lance Norman](#)
Subject: Te Pati Māori signage - Taupō
Date: Saturday, 14 October 2023 10:14:09 am
Attachments: [20231014_093712.jpg](#)
[image001.png](#)
[Te Pati Māori signage - visible in Taupo \(Lake Terrace Rd\).msg](#)
Importance: High

Kia ora Lance,

We have received another complaint that Te Pati Māori signage is still visible at 9:48am outside the Waipahihi Marae on the corner of Lake Terrace Road and Hinerau Road in Taupo. **Please see attached a photo of the sign and the last email correspondence to you about what appears to be the same sign.**

As you would be aware, any signage still visible on election day would be in breach of election day rules under section 197 of the Electoral Act 1993.

Could you please investigate this and let us know when this sign has been taken down?

Ngā mihi,

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From: [Benjamin \[REDACTED\]](#)
To: [Secretary Te Pati Māori](#)
Subject: Sign still up - Henderson
Date: Saturday, 14 October 2023 11:26:00 am

Kia ora Lance

Just flagging a complaint about a sign still up on Central Park Drive, Henderson. Could you have any signs taken down, or otherwise please advise.

Ngā mihi

Benjamin [REDACTED] ([he/him](#)) | Senior Policy Advisor | Legal and Policy
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From: Benjamin [REDACTED]
To: Secretary Te Pati Māori
Subject: RE: Signs up
Date: Saturday, 14 October 2023 3:38:00 pm

Kia ora Lance

Another similar complaint has come in – they describe the location as “facing on to Ormiston Rd, Flat Bush, Auckland, attached to back fence of 31 (or maybe 29) Tim’s Crescent.”

This was seen at 3pm today. Could you arrange for removal ASAP please.

Ngā mihi

Benjamin [REDACTED] ([he/him](#)) | Senior Policy Advisor | Legal and Policy
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From: Benjamin [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, October 14, 2023 1:50 PM
To: Secretary Te Pati Māori <secretary@maoriparty.org.nz>
Subject: Signs up

Kia ora Lance

Just raising another few signage issues. Could you have these removed ASAP please.

The below is up as of 12.30pm on Sandstone Road in Whitford, near where it joins Ormiston.

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And the below are on 150 Taharepa Road and 176 Taharepa Road, , Tauhara, Taupō.
Another is up on 33 Elizabeth Street.

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Ngā mihi

Benjamin [REDACTED] ([he/him](#)) | Senior Policy Advisor | Legal and Policy

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From: [L & P Enquiries](#)
To: [Lance Norman](#)
Subject: RE: Te Pāti Māori signage - SH2 near Masterton
Date: Saturday, 14 October 2023 6:50:10 pm
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Kia ora Lance,

Just tried calling but didn't get through - just following up on the below because the complainant has advised us the sign was still up at the location below as of approximately 6.00pm when they drove past. Can you please advise if you have since been able to arrange for the sign to be removed?

Thanks,

Avi | **Advisor Legal and Policy** | **Electoral Commission** | **Te Kaitiaki Take Kōwhiri**
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From: L & P Enquiries [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, October 14, 2023 5:45 PM
To: Lance Norman <secretary@maoriparty.org.nz>
Subject: Te Pāti Māori signage - SH2 near Masterton

Kia ora Lance,

Further to our call earlier, we have received a complaint that a Te Pāti Māori sign was still visible as of approximately 3.15pm this afternoon on State Highway 2 running through Masterton opposite the Gull service station. Photos of the sign are **attached**.

As you are aware, any signage still visible on election day is in breach of election day rules under section 197 of the Electoral Act 1993.

Could you please investigate this and let us know when this sign has been taken down? We are aware you have indicated some signs may have been taken down by your party but have then been stolen and put back up today by third parties, so please let us know if you consider this may be the case in relation to this particular sign.

Thanks,

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From: [L & P Enquiries](#)
To: [Lance Norman](#)
Subject: RE: Te Pati Māori hoarding - Waipapa (Klinac Lane)
Date: Saturday, 14 October 2023 6:55:13 pm
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Kia ora Lance,

Just wanting to follow up on this one to confirm whether this has now been taken down?

Ngā mihi,

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From: L & P Enquiries [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, October 14, 2023 4:41 PM
To: Lance Norman <secretary@maoriparty.org.nz>
Subject: Te Pati Māori hoarding - Waipapa (Klinac Lane)
Importance: High

Kia ora Lance,

We have received a complaint that a Te Pati Māori hoarding is still visible on Klinac Lane in Waipapa Northland when driving towards Paihia.

As you would be aware, any signage still visible on election day would be in breach of election day rules under section 197 of the Electoral Act 1993.

Could you please investigate this and let us know when this sign has been taken down?

Ngā mihi,

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From: [Natalie \[REDACTED\]](#)
To: [Kristina Temel](#); [Benjamin \[REDACTED\]](#)
Subject: Signs up on election day and follow up letters to parties
Date: Monday, 18 December 2023 8:32:11 am
Attachments: [Letter to Freedoms NZ.docx](#)
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[Letter to National.docx](#)
[Letter to Te Pati Maori.docx](#)
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[image00002.png](#)
[image00003.png](#)

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[REDACTED] has shared OneDrive for Business files with you. To view them, click the links below.

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 [Letter to National.docx](#)

 [Letter to Te Pati Maori.docx](#)

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Hi both

I've drafted three letters for Freedoms NZ, National and TPM about signs that were still up on election day. Ben, would appreciate your eyes over these as well as a quite a few were dealt with by your good self and I want to make sure I've correctly described them.

It's been interesting listing them out and checking the addresses for the TPM signs – as I've realised there was a bit of confusion with some of the complainants giving us different addresses for the same signage, which in turn made it hard for Lance to arrange to remove the signage. For example, we had someone giving us an address of 180 Church St Masterton, which looks like it should actually have been 180 Chapel St, Masterton.

Not sure we'd want to append copies of the emails sent to the party with the correspondence. I've included the time we contacted them on election day but haven't added the emails.

Ngā mihi

Natalie [REDACTED] (she/her) | **Principal Advisor Legal**
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From: [L & P Enquiries](#)
To: [Secretary Te Pati Māori](#)
Subject: Signs up on election day
Date: Monday, 18 December 2023 12:07:00 pm
Attachments: [Letter to Te Pati Maori 18DEC23.pdf](#)
[image002.jpg](#)

Kia ora Lance

Please find attached a letter from the Electoral Commission regarding Te Pāti Māori signs up on election day.

Ngā mihi

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From: [Kristina Temel](#)
To: [L & P Enquiries](#)
Subject: FW: Te Pati Māori hoarding - Auckland (Flat Bush)
Date: Monday, 18 December 2023 4:06:00 pm

From: Secretary Te Pati Māori <secretary@maoriparty.org.nz>
Sent: Monday, December 18, 2023 4:03 PM
To: Kristina Temel <[REDACTED]@elections.govt.nz>
Subject: Te Pati Māori hoarding - Auckland (Flat Bush)

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FYI,

Please contact me if you have any queries.

Ngā Mihi

Lance Norman
Secretary
Te Pāti Māori

Moblie: [REDACTED]

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From: Lance Norman <secretary@maoriparty.org.nz>
Date: Sat, 14 Oct 2023 at 19:00
Subject: Re: Te Pati Māori hoarding - Auckland (Flat Bush)
To: L & P Enquiries [REDACTED]

Yes, this has been taken down.

Ngā Mihi

Lance Norman
Secretary
Te Pāti Māori

M [REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone

On 14/10/2023, at 6:55 PM, L & P Enquiries <legal@elections.govt.nz> wrote:

Kia ora Lance,

Just wanting to follow up on this one to confirm whether this has now been taken down?

Ngā mihi,

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From: L & P Enquiries [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, October 14, 2023 4:16 PM
To: Lance Norman <secretary@maoriparty.org.nz>
Subject: Te Pati Māori hoarding - Auckland (Flat Bush)
Importance: High

Kia ora Lance,

We have received a complaint that a Te Pati Māori hoarding was still visible at 3pm. The sign is facing on to Ormiston Rd, Flat Bush, Auckland, and is attached to the back fence of either 29 or 31 Tims Crescent.

As you would be aware, any signage still visible on election day would be in breach of election day rules under section 197 of the Electoral Act 1993.

Could you please investigate this and let us know when this sign has been taken down?

Ngā mihi,

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From: [Secretary Te Pati Māori](#)
To: [Kristina Temel](#)
Subject: Te Pati Māori signage - Taupo
Date: Monday, 18 December 2023 4:07:45 pm
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

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Please contact me if you have any queries.

Ngā Mihi

Lance Norman

Secretary

Te Pati Māori

Moblie: [REDACTED]

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From: **Secretary Te Pati Māori** <secretary@maoriparty.org.nz>
Date: Sat, 14 Oct 2023 at 13:36
Subject: Re: Te Pati Māori signage - Taupo
To: L & P Enquiries <[REDACTED]>

Kia Ora,

I can confirm this sign was taken down earlier this morning.

Please contact me if you have any queries.

Ngā Mihi

Lance Norman

Secretary

Te Pati Māori

Moblie: [REDACTED]

On Sat, 14 Oct 2023 at 12:52, L & P Enquiries <legal@elections.govt.nz> wrote:

Kia ora Lance,

We have received another complaint about Te Pati Māori signage visible at Hinerau Grove off Lake Terrace in

Taupo.

We believe that this may be the same sign as previously notified about but please investigate and let us know when the sign has been taken down.

As you would be aware, any signage still visible on election day would be in breach of election day rules under section 197 of the Electoral Act 1993.

Ngā mihi,

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18 December 2023

Lance Norman
Party Secretary
Te Pāti Māori
By email: secretary@maoriparty.org.nz

Tēnā koe Lance

TE PĀTI MĀORI SIGNS UP ON ELECTION DAY

On election day for the 2023 General Election we contacted you regarding complaints about a number of Te Pāti Māori signs and billboards, some of which also featured Te Pāti Māori candidates, that remained up on election day contrary to the requirements in [section 197](#) of the Electoral Act 1993 (the Act). There is no breach of section 197 provided the display of election advertising on election day is inadvertent, and steps are taken to cover or remove the signage when notified by the Commission.

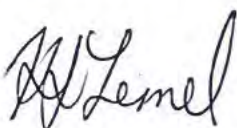
Our records show your campaign team took prompt action to remove a number of signs that had been left up on election day. However, we do not appear to have received confirmation as to what action was taken to remove Te Pāti Māori signs in the following locations:

- Signs at Sandstone Road, Whitford, 2576, 150 and 176 Taharepa Road, Tauhara and 33 Elizabeth Street, Taupō – email to you at 1.50pm
- State Highway 2 on fence of 180 Chapel Street, Masterton – we also received a complaint giving the address as 180 Church Street, Masterton, which was communicated to you at 11.40am
- 262 Opawa Road, Hillsborough, Christchurch – email to you at 4.47pm
- State Highway 35 heading towards Raglan, just before Te Uku – email to you at 5.01pm

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Ngā mihi nui



Kristina Temel
Manager, Legal and Policy

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To: [Natalie \[REDACTED\]](#) [Police Compliance](#); [Kristina Temel](#); [Dean \[REDACTED\]](#)
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Subject: RE: Formal Complaint
Date: Wednesday, 11 October 2023 9:54:39 pm
Attachments: [image002.png](#)
[image003.png](#)
[image004.jpg](#)

Kia Ora Martin

My comments below regarding two issues :

- Free Kai at the Manurewa Marae - My site contact at the Manurewa Marae, Hilda [REDACTED] confirmed that they are providing kai to anyone who comes to the voting place and this is not conditional on whether they have voted or not. Her reply was "We provide manaakitanga for anyone who comes to the marae whether they vote or not."
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I also received an email from [REDACTED], at 7pm tonight.

"I wanted to flag an incident that occurred in Centre today at Westfield Manukau.

The Maori Party came to the Centre and performed a few songs on our Level 1 mezzanine that is directly overlooking the election voting site. We did not approve this and asked them to leave, but they refused to listen to Security. They left after about 5-10 minutes.

Those who attended have posted the performance on social media, and some people in the Centre filmed and have done so as well. This performance could be heard on the other side of the Centre (i.e. JD sport).

Due to this performance, we have had calls from customers that were heated calling us "disgusting," that the event was "incredibly intimidating" and that they will "never come back to Westfield Manukau."

Let me know if you need any other info from me.

Ngā mihi

Angelica Tuyay Vargas | Electorate Manager – Manurewa & Tamaki Makaurau Electorates
Electoral Commission | Te Kaitiaki Take Kōwhiri
Phone [REDACTED] [vote.nz](#) | [elections.nz](#)



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From: Martin Rodgers <[REDACTED]@elections.govt.nz>
Sent: Wednesday, October 11, 2023 4:45 PM
To: Jeremy Kannemeyer <[REDACTED]@elections.govt.nz>
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PO Box 3220 | Level 10, 34-42 Manners Street | Wellington
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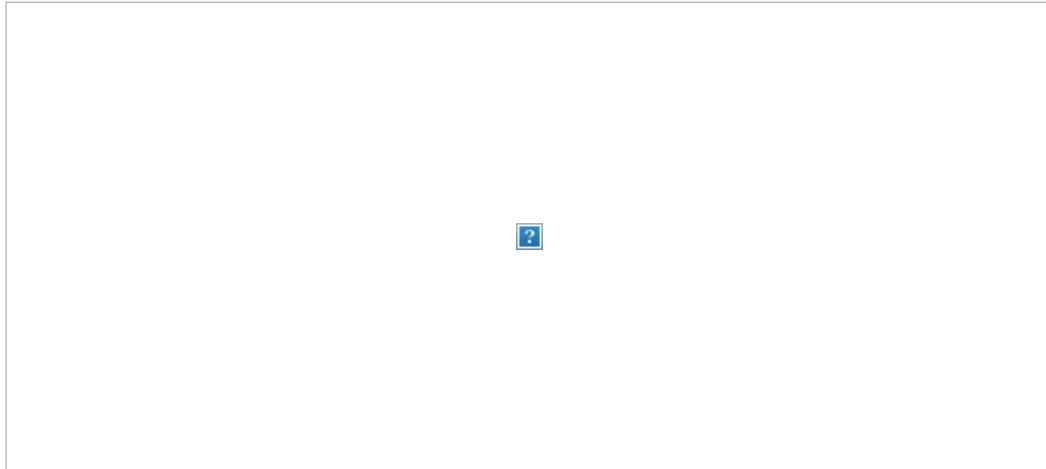
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Cc: [Brian Tamaki](#); [Natalie \[REDACTED\]](#); [Police Compliance](#); [Kristina Temel](#); [Dean \[REDACTED\]](#); [Sue Grey](#)
Subject: Fwd: Formal Complaint
Date: Friday, 10 November 2023 12:36:10 pm
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This is an absolute fabrication on behalf of the Electoral Commission to say "Kia Ora Lance. We have not had any complaints about Te Pāti Māori in relation to the marae. Ngā mihi. Karl Le Quesne."

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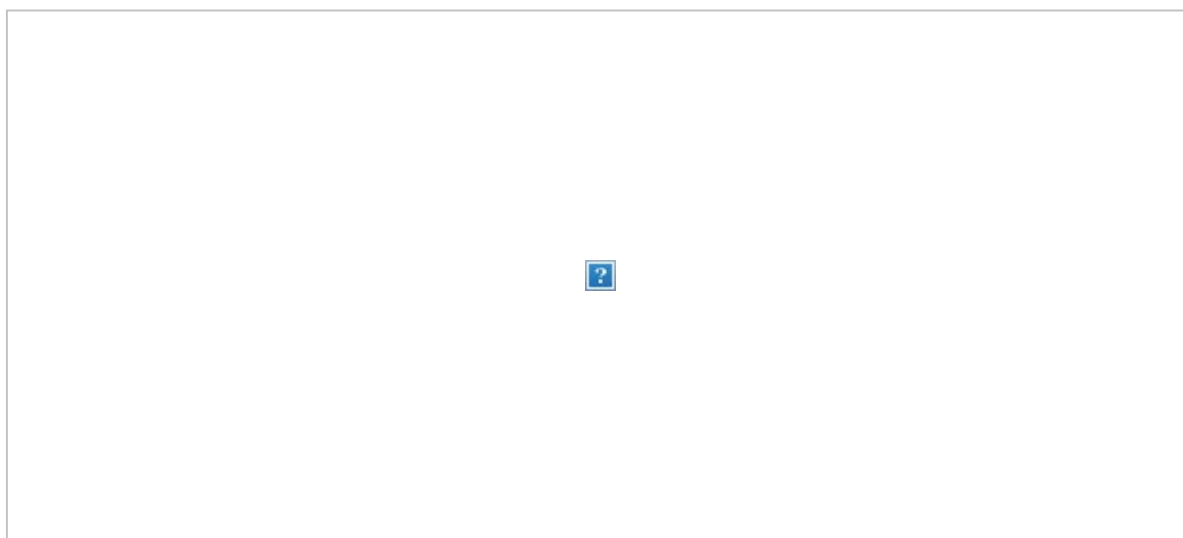
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To: [L & P Enquiries](#)
Cc: [Jeremy Kannemeyer](#)
Subject: FW: [Enquiry Subject] Election advertising enquiry from [REDACTED]
Date: Wednesday, 11 October 2023 5:03:36 pm
Attachments: [Te-Pati-Maori.jpg](#)
[image001.png](#)

Hi Dean

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Angelica Tuyay Vargas | Electorate Manager – Manurewa & Tamaki Makaurau Electorates
Electoral Commission | Te Kaitiaki Take Kōwhiri
Phone [REDACTED] [vote.nz](#) | [elections.nz](#)



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Sent: Tuesday, October 10, 2023 9:54 AM
To: Martin Rodgers [REDACTED]@elections.govt.nz
Cc: Tom [REDACTED]@elections.govt.nz; Angel Vargas <[REDACTED]@elections.govt.nz>
Subject: FW: [Enquiry Subject] Election advertising enquiry from [REDACTED]

Kia ora all,

We have received the below complaint regarding a social post that is saying vote Te Pati Māori and then go and get a free hangi, coffee entertainment etc on the other part of the Manurewa Marae.

Can you please check that the Marae is providing kai to anyone who comes to vote and is not linking it with a voting – hopefully this is the case, and the social media post is just an individual online.

Ngā mihi

Dean [REDACTED] | **Senior Advisor Legal | Electoral Commission** | Te Kaitiaki Take Kōwhiri
PO Box 3220 | Level 10, 34-42 Manners Street | Wellington
Phone [REDACTED]

From: Support [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, October 10, 2023 8:03 AM
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Hi Legal Team,

Here is an enquiry from [REDACTED]

It was CC'd to:

From: [REDACTED]
Date: Mon, Oct 9, 2023 at 9:32 pm

Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

From site: elections.nz

Subject: Election advertising

Type: Complaint

Message:

I would like to make a complaint about the Te Parti Maori offering treats to those voters who go to Manurewa Marae to cast their vote this week. There is also a Tik Tok advertisement promising hangi for those who vote, with a photo of Takutai Moana Natasha Kemp, the Te Parti Maori candidate for Tamaki Makaurau. Please see the evidence below. I look forward to hearing from you.

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Subject: FW: Manurewa Marae - Free Kai
Date: Wednesday, 11 October 2023 5:49:35 pm
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
[image001.png](#)

Hi there

This is the reply from Manurewa Marae regarding the free kai.

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From: Hilda [\[REDACTED\]](#) <[\[REDACTED\]@manurewamarae.co.nz](mailto:[REDACTED]@manurewamarae.co.nz)>
Sent: Wednesday, October 11, 2023 3:11 PM
To: Angel Vargas [\[REDACTED\]](#) <[\[REDACTED\]@elections.govt.nz](mailto:[REDACTED]@elections.govt.nz)>
Cc: Cardena [\[REDACTED\]](#) <[\[REDACTED\]@manurewamarae.co.nz](mailto:[REDACTED]@manurewamarae.co.nz)>
Subject: Re: Manurewa Marae - Free Kai

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Kia Ora Angel,

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Aku mihi

Hilda [\[REDACTED\]](#)

Sent from my iPhone

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Ngā mihi

Angelica Tuyay Vargas | Electorate Manager – Manurewa & Tamaki Makaurau Electorates
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From: [Karl Le Quesne](#)
To: [Dean \[REDACTED\]](#)
Cc: [Martin Rodgers](#); [Kristina Temel](#); [Natalie \[REDACTED\]](#)
Subject: RE: Freedoms NZ Formal Complaint - response for review
Date: Thursday, 12 October 2023 10:17:30 am
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Thanks all.

I agree with the response drafted below.

Karl Le Quesne

From: Dean [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@elections.govt.nz>
Sent: Thursday, October 12, 2023 9:02 AM
To: Karl Le Quesne <[REDACTED]@elections.govt.nz>
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As discussed yesterday, we have crafted a response to Jenny, Freedoms NZ's party secretary, complaints. Can you let us know if you are comfortable with the proposed response. We would copy in the election compliance Police email that Jenny also sent the complaints to.

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Dean

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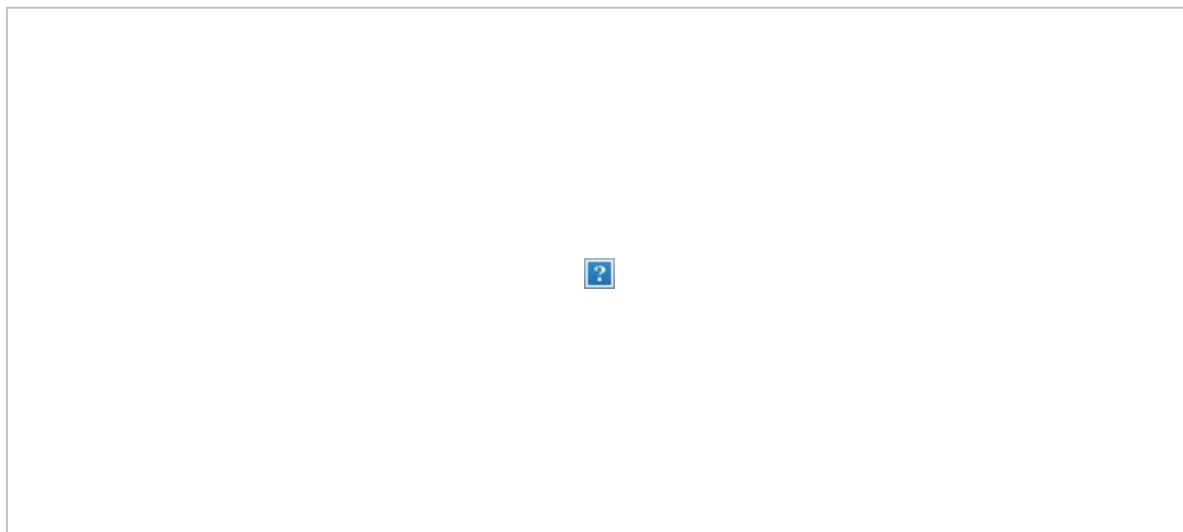
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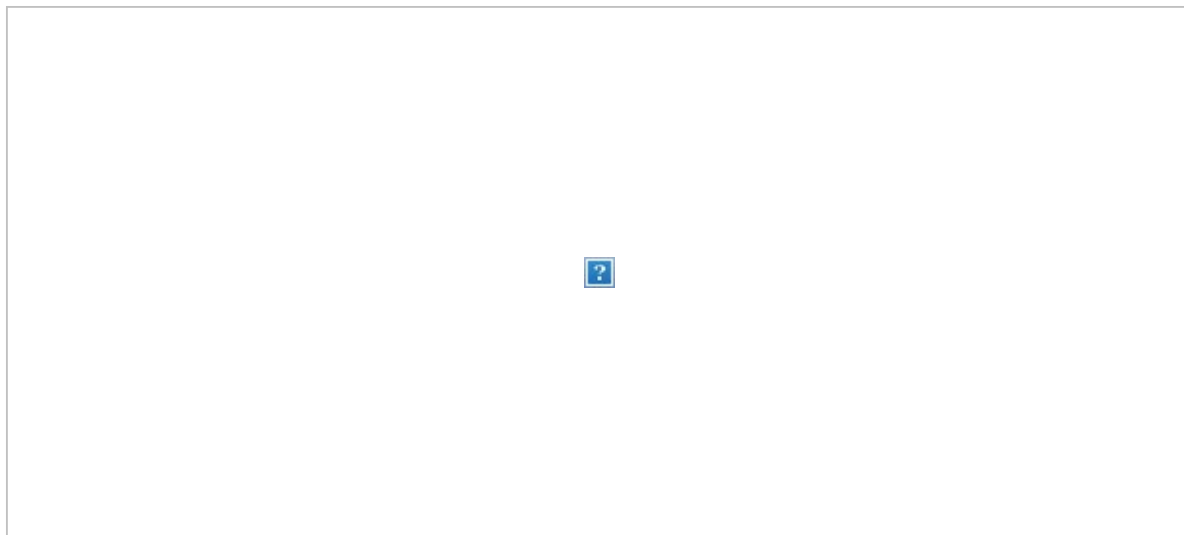
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From: [Jenny Marshall](#)
To: [Karl Le Quesne](#)
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: Formal Complaint
Date: Saturday, 11 November 2023 10:49:59 am
Attachments: [Colour logo-01-6 copy-2 copy.jpg](#)

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Hi Karl

I am not satisfied with this response.

In speaking with Vision New Zealand's party secretary she said she has still not received a response to her complaint.

This is a blatant stretching of the truth on your behalf, and calls into check your integrity for this role.

Regards

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Greetings Jenny

We have received a number of complaints, including your complaint, that we have already responded to confirming that we had contacted the Marae to seek clarification and had concluded that we would be taking no further action.

My response to Lance Norman reflects that we are not currently enquiring into any complaints in relation to Te Pāti Māori activity at Manurewa Marae.

I hope that clarifies my response.

Regards

Karl Le Quesne

Karl Le Quesne (He/Him) | Chief Electoral Officer
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Sent: Friday, November 10, 2023 12:36 PM
To: Karl Le Quesne <[REDACTED]@elections.govt.nz>; [REDACTED]
Cc: Brian Tamaki <[REDACTED]@freedomsnz.org.nz>; Natalie [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@elections.govt.nz>;
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Hi Karl & Josph

I have just read this NZ Herald article written.

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This is an absolute fabrication on behalf of the Electoral Commission to say "Kia Ora Lance. We have not had any complaints about Te Pāti Māori in relation to the marae. Ngā mihi. Karl Le Quesne."

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From: [REDACTED]
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: Kristina Teme [REDACTED], Natalie [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: Further information, and a request, regarding Tamaki Makaurau
Date: Wednesday, 8 November 2023 3:16:12 pm

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Kia ora Karl,

Many thanks for the quick acknowledgement. I appreciate it.

Is there any indication I can on-pass regarding the Commission's likely decision timetable on these matters?

Ngā mihi,
[REDACTED]

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On 8/11/2023, at 2:50 pm, Karl Le Quesne <[REDACTED]@elections.govt.nz> wrote:

Kia ora [REDACTED]

We will include this additional information into our inquiries into the matters you have raised.

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, November 8, 2023 2:47 PM
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Additional information

1. I note some of the Manurewa marae's Facebook live videos appear to have been removed from their Facebook page as at today. I don't know why that might have happened. I understand the Commission may already have downloaded copies of those videos, but we also have copies if needed.

2. Some of the marae's Facebook content, however, has not been deleted as yet. I'd like to bring the Commission's attention to further evidence suggesting the purpose of Manurewa marae's activity was to treat voters:

[In a Facebook Live video on 13 October](#), the marae said:

- It was up to "Activation 11" in a programme of 12 activations (the last one to take place on 14 October, which included a free concert and 1,000 free hangi among other things at the marae)
 - In our view, the fact that this programme was titled as "activations" indicates clearly the purpose of the programme, namely to "activate" people who might not otherwise be active into voting, using the lure of free things to encourage them. Indeed, in this video the free offerings are collectively referred to as the "activations" which even more clearly indicates their purpose. This is important because the marae's intent is an important element of the treating offence.
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 - The advertising of "activation 12" on election day, which involves 1,000 free hangi and a free concert at a polling booth location, alongside an encouragement to vote at that polling booth, is also treating.

[In a Facebook post on 2 October](#), the marae says:

Come on down to the Marae apōpō (tomorrow) for our RANGATAHI ACTIVATION. A packed full day of Magic and greatness.

We have HIP HOP CLASSES, KARAOKE and much more. Our VOTING station is also open for our whānau over 18 who need to VOTE.

Happening tomorrow Tuesday 3 October from 10AM till 4PM at our Marae.

!!!!!! HANGI, COFFEE, ICE CREAM, HOT DONUTS AND HAIRCUTS.

Share with your whānau and come on down!!!

#ManurewaMarae #Rangatahi #Voting

- This post shows that the hours when free things are available at the marae during the 3 October "Activation" are timed to precisely coincide with the hours when the polling booth at the marae was open. Further, the post contains a clear link between casting a ballot and obtaining free hip hop classes, karaoke, hangi, coffee, ice cream, donuts, and haircuts, which is treating.

- This link between voting and freebies is, of course, made even more explicit in the Facebook Live video the following morning - which I shared with the Commission previously - that outlined a ticketing system the marae used to provide free items specifically for people who cast a ballot at the polling booth located at the marae.

3. Now that the final results have been declared, it is clear that the scale of the potential treating (which the marae itself says runs to thousands of people) is significant enough to affect the election result, where the final margin is four votes. This scale, relative to the margin in the election, makes it even more imperative that this treating is investigated by police.

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

From: [Kristina Temel](#)
To: [Karl Le Quesne](#)
Cc: [Martin Rodgers](#); [Anusha Guler](#); [Natalie](#) [REDACTED]
Subject: Manurewa Marae: Draft response to [REDACTED]
Date: Thursday, 9 November 2023 3:56:20 pm
Attachments: [REDACTED] [response.docx](#)
[image001.png](#)
[REDACTED] [response.docx](#)
[image00001.png](#)

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Kristina Temel has shared a OneDrive for Business file with you. To view it, click the link below.



[response.docx](#)

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Kia ora Karl,

Attached is draft letter that we have drafted with input from Martin.

Happy to discuss.

Ngā mihi

Kristina

Kristina Temel | Manager, Legal and Policy | **Electoral Commission** | Te Kaitiaki Take Kōwhiri

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9 November 2023

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

By email to: [REDACTED]

Kia ora [REDACTED]

MANUREWA MARAE

We have looked into the matters you have raised in your emails of 1 and 8 November 2023, including the videos, relating to Manurewa Marae.

The Electoral Commission works to make voting accessible to all communities and to increasing participation within communities that have lower rates of engagement in the electoral process. In selecting voting places, it engages with people in different locations, particularly where voter turnout is low, to understand which potential venues will work for different communities. Following this, a formal assessment is done of each site to ensure it meets the Commission's requirements.

The Manurewa Marae was identified along with other local marae including Papakura, Ruapōtaka, and Ōrākei Marae as a potential venue that members of the surrounding community would readily vote in. It was noted that it had recently offered COVID-19 vaccinations and opportunities to participate in the Census. It is used by the Ministry of Social Development to promote employment opportunities. It is also used as a community hub by virtue of its medical services and food bank.

In our discussions with the marae, it was mentioned that they might provide kai and or activities to create a family friendly environment around the voting place. We were clear that the opportunity to receive kai or participate in the activities must be available to anyone coming to the marae and cannot be dependent on people voting. It is not uncommon for schools or other community organisations to host activities around voting places on this basis.

We were aware of the candidate's involvement at the marae. Prior to agreeing to use the venue we agreed that the candidate would not enter the voting place other than to vote herself. We were provided an alternative designated contact person that we made the arrangements with. We also ensured that the marae personnel were aware of the rules regarding election advertising. Electoral Commission staff made sure that the 10 metre advance voting place buffer zone and the election day rules were strictly being observed with respect to the voting place.

On 3 October, we were first made aware of a social media post by the Manurewa Marae promoting a free hangi after people voted. The Electorate Manager contacted the marae contact person, on 4 October, to make it clear that the hangi (or any other incentive) cannot be tied to having voted but

should be available to everyone whether they have voted or not. They were asked to amend their posts to reflect this. We received confirmation from our contact at the marae that they were providing kai to anyone who came to the voting place, and this was not conditional on whether or not they had voted. When the Electoral Commission's Acting Chair and Deputy Chief Executive Operations visited the marae on 5 October 2023, this is what they also observed.

On 9 October, the Commission received a further complaint, that was also copied to Police, regarding a social media post by an individual which linked voting for Te Pāti Māori to receiving kai at the Manurewa Marae. The Electorate Manager contacted the marae again to check. The marae confirmed again that they were providing kai to anyone who came to the marae, and this was not conditional on whether they had voted or not and not linked to voting for any particular party.

Under [section 217](#) of the Electoral Act, anyone who gives or provides food, drink, entertainment or provision is liable for prosecution for the corrupt practice of treating, if done "for the purpose of corruptly" influencing that person to, generally put, alter their voting behaviour or procure the defendant's election.

Although the ambit is broad, the threshold for establishing treating is also high - a corrupt intention is required. The Courts have previously held that the offence of "treating" requires an intention on the part of the person treating to influence the votes of the persons treated.

In this case, it appears that the marae was offering kai and entertainment alongside a whole range of organised marae activities including whanau day, kapa haka day, health checks, employment expo, and the Electoral Commission's voting place.

It appears that food was being made generally available without reference to voting or voting for Te Pāti Māori or its candidate. Nor was it being accompanied by the giving out of campaign material.

Based on the information we have, we do not consider that this would meet the high test for treating and would not refer the matter to Police.

Ngā mihi



Karl Le Quesne
Chief Electoral Officer

From: [L & P Enquiries](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: [Enquiry Subject] Voting enquiry from [REDACTED]
Date: Monday, 12 February 2024 3:28:00 pm
Attachments: [image001.jpg](#)

Kia ora [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email.

Treating requires the intention of corruptly influencing their vote and is a criminal offence under section 217 of the Electoral Act 1993. In our view, the Courts have held that this a high threshold. The question of intention is an inference of fact which the Court has to draw.

In the case of this marae, to avoid any perception this activity could amount to treating we were in touch with those involved to advise the hangi should be available to everyone, whether or not they had voted. After the initial suggestion it was linked to voting, we were satisfied this was rectified and attended the venue to confirm this. The wider marae venue had other events on at the same time, and we are advised the 10 metre 'buffer zone' around the voting place was observed.

Ngā mihi

Benjamin [REDACTED] ([he/him](#)) | Senior Policy Advisor | Legal and Policy
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From: [REDACTED]
Date: Mon, Feb 12, 2024 at 2:59 am

Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

From site: elections.nz

Subject: Voting

Type: Complaint

Message:

Why is this not sealed with more seriously? <https://www.thepost.co.nz/politics/350170085/deleted-social-media-posts-raise-further-questions-about-treating-marae-polling?fbclid=IwAR10VpplnaOM5qaicWvUe18fOgtwbBA0m4hfpdMxMrRxHXKHnMuOZX8Tm-k> Deleted social media videos raise fresh questions about allegations of 'treating' voters to free food at a marae polling booth linked to a Te Pāti Māori MP. Late last year, it emerged concerns were raised about the use of Manurewa Marae as a polling booth during October's general election. New Tāmaki Makaurau MP Takutai Tarsh Kemp, who beat incumbent Labour MP Peeni Henare by just 42 votes, was the marae's chief executive. It was the tightest race in the country and the surprise upset led to a recount. Shortly after election day, complaints about 'treating' — where food, goods or other services are offered to influence voters — emerged. Treating is an offence under electoral law. The Electoral Commission chose not to refer the matter to police. The agency says the threshold for prosecution is high, and would require proving an intention to influence voting. Now, the Sunday Star-Times can reveal that during the period where advance votes could be cast, the marae's social media accounts promoted a ticketing system where voters could collect free hāngī, doughnuts, hot chocolate and coffee on providing proof of voting.

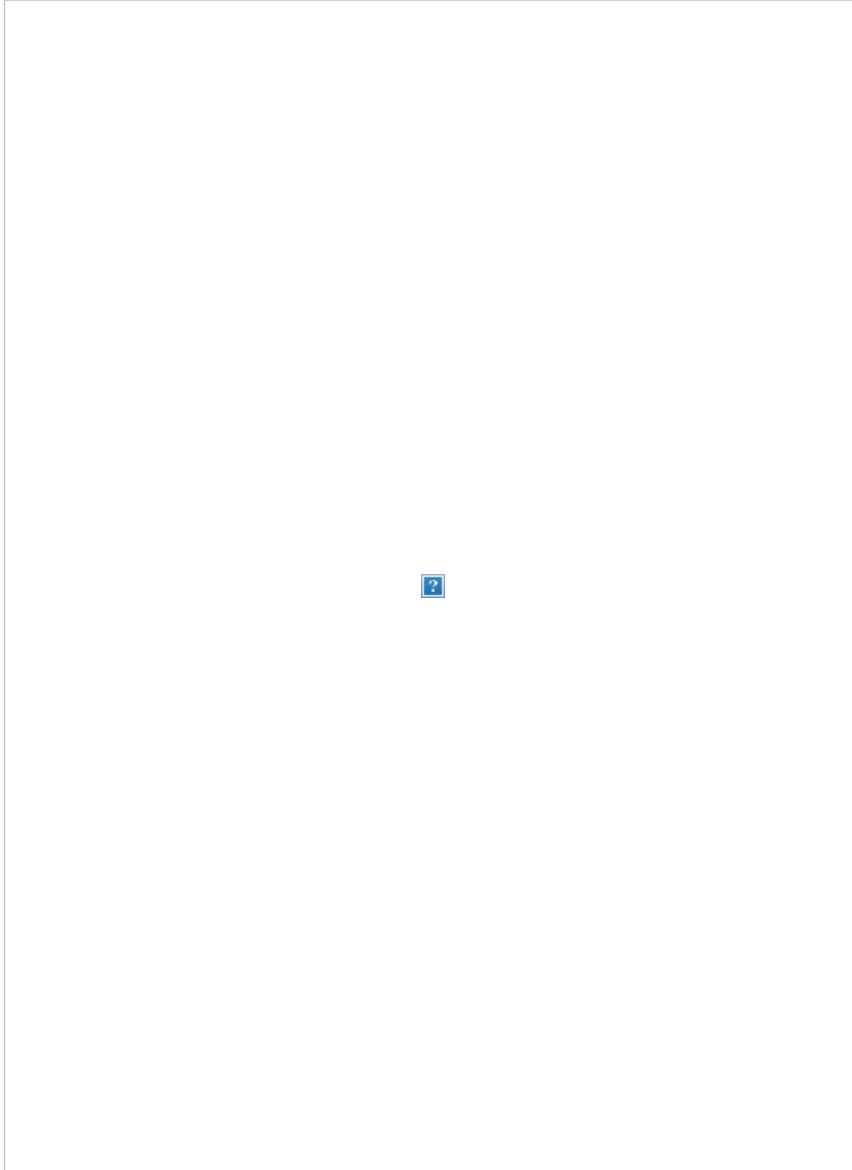
The first 300 voters on a given day would get freebies.

From: Jarrod [REDACTED]
To: L & P Enquiries
Cc: Grace [REDACTED] Hanna [REDACTED]
Subject: Twitter complaint about Te Pāti Māori Instagram post - 1 Feb 2023
Date: Friday, 3 February 2023 1:21:36 pm
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
[image002.png](#)
[image003.jpg](#)

Kia ora team

We've just seen this post on Twitter, complaining/alerting us to a Te Pāti Māori post on Instagram. The complainant notes that the Instagram post in question does not have a promoter statement:

<https://twitter.com/TommyLeeOscar/status/1620685600352518144>

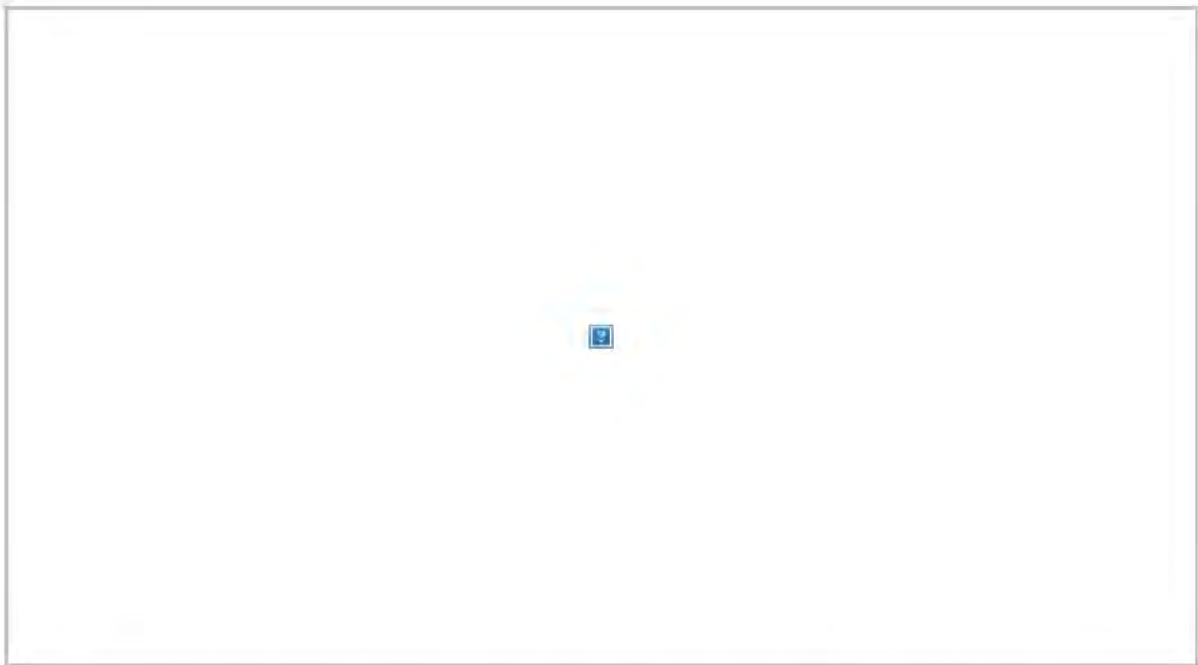


Here's the direct link to the Instagram post in question:

[Te Paati Māori o Aotearoa on Instagram: "#BelieveInMāori"](#)

I think in general we've taken the approach that a promoter statement on a party or candidate's social media profile is sufficient, however it looks like their Instagram profile doesn't currently include one (and there isn't one in their Linktree either):

[Te Paati Māori o Aotearoa \(@maori_party\) • Instagram photos and videos](#)



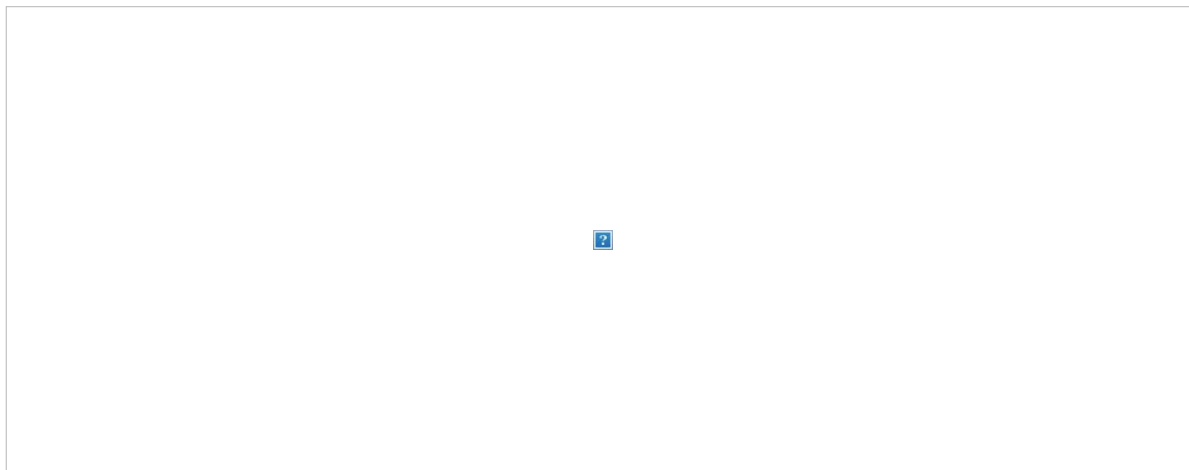
Jarrod [REDACTED] ([he/him](#)) | Senior Communications and Education Advisor | **Electoral Commission** | **Te Kaitiaki Take Kōwhiri**
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From: [Dean \[REDACTED\]](#)
To: maoriparty@maoriparty.org.nz
Cc: [Braedyn \[REDACTED\]](#)
Subject: Māori party Instagram page - no promoter statement
Date: Tuesday, 7 February 2023 9:10:00 am
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Kia ora Lance,

We have had an enquiry with regard to the Māori Party's [Instagram page](#) not having a promoter statement. The promoter statement can be easily placed in the 'About' section at the top of the page:



Can you please ensure that the page includes a promoter statement and let us know when you updated the page.

Nga mihi
Dean

Dean [REDACTED] | Senior Advisor Legal | Electoral Commission | Te Kaitiaki Take Kōwhiri
PO Box 3220 | Level 10, 34-42 Manners Street | Wellington
Phone [REDACTED] |

From: Dean [REDACTED]
To: secretary@maoriparty.org.nz
Subject: FW: Māori party Instagram page - no promoter statement
Date: Monday, 27 February 2023 9:43:00 am
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
[image002.png](#)

Kia ora Lance,

Thanks for getting that promoter statement on the party's Instagram page. In order to comply, you do need to name the co-leader(s) or yourself. Can you amend so there is a name in the promoter statement.



Nga mihi
Dean

Dean [REDACTED] | Senior Advisor Legal | Electoral Commission | Te Kaitiaki Take Kōwhiri
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From: Dean [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, 24 February 2023 13:38
To: secretary@maoriparty.org.nz
Subject: FW: Māori party Instagram page - no promoter statement

Kia ora Lance,

As discussed and as set out below, can you please ensure there is a promoter statement on the party's Instagram account.

Much appreciated.

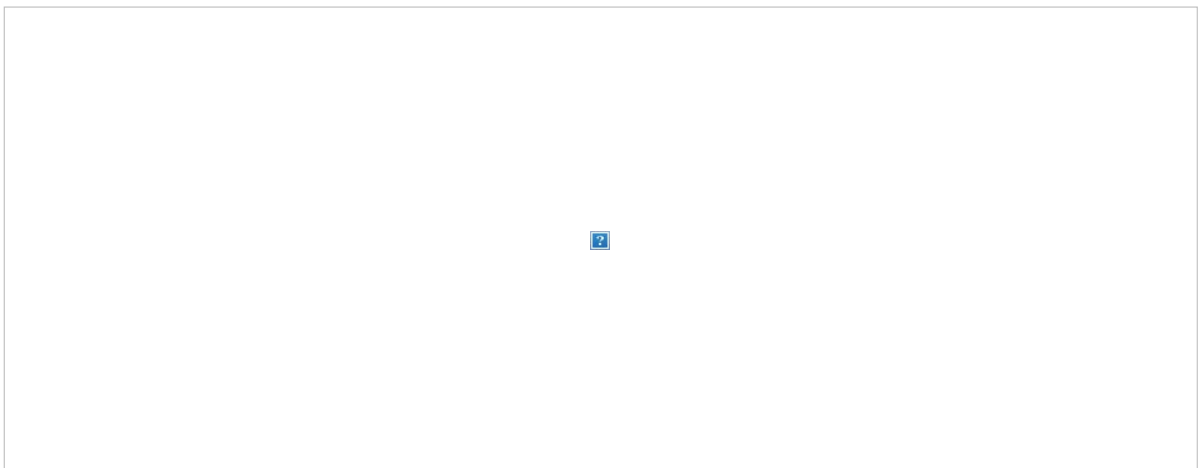
Nga mihi

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PO Box 3220 | Level 10, 34-42 Manners Street | Wellington
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From: Dean [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, 7 February 2023 09:11
To: maoriparty@maoriparty.org.nz
Cc: Braedyn [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]@elections.govt.nz](mailto:[REDACTED]@elections.govt.nz)>
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Phone + [REDACTED] |
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From: [Hilda \[REDACTED\]](#)
To: [Angel Vargas](#)
Cc: [Cardena \[REDACTED\]](#)
Subject: Re: Social Media Post by Manurewa Marae
Date: Wednesday, 4 October 2023 6:50:35 pm
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
[image002.png](#)

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Kia Ora Angel

Ka pai I will look into this and get back to you.

Aku mihi

Hilda [REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone

On 4/10/2023, at 5:23 PM, Angel Vargas <[REDACTED]@elections.govt.nz> wrote:

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Could you please amend your posts to reflect this perhaps indicating the hangi is available to the first 300 people coming along to the voting place?

Ngā mihi

Angelica Tuyay Vargas | Electorate Manager – Manurewa & Tamaki Makaurau
Electorates

Electoral Commission | Te Kaitiaki Take Kōwhiri

Phone [REDACTED] [vote.nz](#) | [elections.nz](#)

<image002.png>

<https://www.elections.nz/jobs/>

From: [Angel Vargas](#)
To: [Jeremy Kannemeyer](#)
Cc: [Georgia \[REDACTED\]](#)
Subject: FW: Social Media Post by Manurewa Marae
Date: Wednesday, 4 October 2023 5:33:43 pm
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
[image002.png](#)

Hi Jeremy

Below is the message I sent to my contacts at the Manurewa Marae. My understanding is Legal/National Office will reply directly to [REDACTED] and I don't have to send my own response. Is this correct ?

Ngā mihi

Angelica Tuyay Vargas | Electorate Manager – Manurewa & Tamaki Makaurau Electorates
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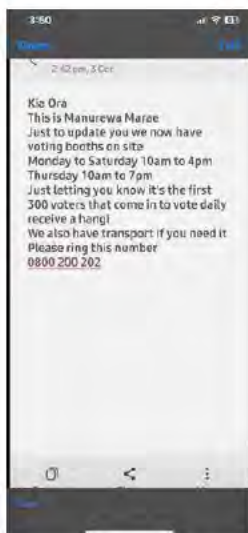


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From: Angel Vargas
Sent: Wednesday, October 4, 2023 5:23 PM
To: Hilda [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@manurewamarae.co.nz>
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From: [Jeremy Kannemeyer](#)
To: [Natalie \[REDACTED\]](#) [Martin Rodgers](#)
Subject: RE: Complaint: Manurewa Marae
Date: Thursday, 5 October 2023 7:50:25 am
Attachments: [FW Social Media Post by Manurewa Marae.msg](#)
[image001.png](#)

Hi Natalie

We drafted and sent the attached reply to the Mnaurewa marae.

Will you send a note [REDACTED]? Could you please send me a copy.

Thanks

Jeremy

From: Natalie [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@elections.govt.nz>
Sent: Wednesday, October 4, 2023 5:24 PM
To: Martin Rodgers <[REDACTED]@elections.govt.nz>; Jeremy Kannemeyer <[REDACTED]@elections.govt.nz>
Subject: RE: Complaint: Manurewa Marae

Just touching base to find out if you have heard back from the marae, so we can close the loop with National.

Look forward to hearing from you.

Natalie

From: Kristina Temel
Sent: Wednesday, October 4, 2023 10:17 AM
To: Martin Rodgers [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@elections.govt.nz>; Legal & Policy [REDACTED]
Cc: Jeremy Kannemeyer <[REDACTED]@elections.govt.nz>
Subject: RE: Complaint: Manurewa Marae

Yes the [REDACTED] complaint has also come into us and we have shared with Hone, Karl, and Shane.

We agree with that advice Martin. We'll leave it to you to go back to the marae. Once that is done if you can let us know we can go back to National and copy in the Electorate Manager.

Kristina

From: Martin Rodgers [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@elections.govt.nz>
Sent: Wednesday, October 4, 2023 9:59 AM
To: Legal & Policy <[REDACTED]>; Kristina Temel <[REDACTED]@elections.govt.nz>
Cc: Jeremy Kannemeyer [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@elections.govt.nz>
Subject: FW: Complaint: Manurewa Marae
Importance: High

Kia ora anō

FYI below and attached.

My guidance to date has been that any 'give aways' of this nature cannot be tied to having voted – that is, the kai can be available but should be available to everyone whether they have voted or not.

I believe this is what we should inform the marae to do and to change their messaging accordingly.

L&P, would you agree? Or is the marae entitled to do what they choose in this case?

Martin

From: Jeremy Kannemeyer <[REDACTED]@elections.govt.nz>
Sent: Tuesday, October 3, 2023 8:20 PM
To: Martin Rodgers <[REDACTED]@elections.govt.nz>
Subject: FW: Complaint: Manurewa Marae
Importance: High

Kia ora Martin

Are you comfortable with this approach of encouraging voters to come to the marae to vote?

I suppose it could be argued it's apolitical and the hangi is available to any voter no matter their political persuasion.

Nga mihi
Jeremy

From: Angel Vargas <[REDACTED]@elections.govt.nz>
Sent: Tuesday, October 3, 2023 5:34 PM
To: Jeremy Kannemeyer <[REDACTED]@elections.govt.nz>
Cc: Georgia [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@elections.govt.nz>
Subject: FW: Complaint: Manurewa Marae
Importance: High

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I guess they are encouraging people to vote but not who to vote for (but others would see this as kind of implied).

Ngā mihi

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, October 3, 2023 5:03 PM
To: Angel Vargas <[REDACTED]@elections.govt.nz>
Cc: [REDACTED] Public Enquiries [REDACTED]
Subject: Complaint: Manurewa Marae

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Kia ora Angel,

Please see attached. The Manurewa marae voting booth is offering the first 300 voters a free hangi - each day.

Can you please address this issue urgently and ensure that there is no treating taking place at this booth.

I would appreciate being kept updated on what action has been taken.

Note, this is our second complaint regarding this booth.

Kind regards,



From: [Natalie \[REDACTED\]](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [Angel Vargas](#); [REDACTED]
Bcc: [Jeremy Kannemeyer](#)
Subject: RE: Complaint: Manurewa Marae
Date: Thursday, 5 October 2023 11:19:00 am
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Kia ora [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email.

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The post you have complained about appears to be encouraging people to vote, but could be interpreted that they will only receive a hangi conditional on voting. To avoid any perception this activity could amount to treating we have contacted the marae to advise the hangi should be available to everyone, whether or not they have voted.

Ngā mihi

Natalie [REDACTED] (she/her) | **Principal Advisor Legal**
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PO Box 3220 | Level 10, 34-42 Manners Street | Wellington
www.vote.nz | www.elections.nz



From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, October 3, 2023 5:03 PM
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[REDACTED] Angel,

From: [Martin Rodgers](#)
To: [Dean \[REDACTED\]](#)
Subject: FW: Complaint: Manurewa Marae
Date: Wednesday, 11 October 2023 5:00:45 pm
Attachments: [FW Social Media Post by Manurewa Marae.msg](#)
[image001.png](#)

FYI

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, October 3, 2023 5:03 PM
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Cc: Holly <[REDACTED]>; Public Enquiries <[REDACTED]>
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From: [Support](#)
To: [L & P Enquiries](#)
Subject: [Enquiry Subject] Voting enquiry from [REDACTED]
Date: Thursday, 9 November 2023 3:03:42 pm

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Hi Legal Team,

Here is an enquiry from [REDACTED] ([REDACTED]).

It was CC'd to:

From: [REDACTED]
Date: Thu, Nov 9, 2023 at 2:57 pm

Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

From site: elections.nz

Subject: Voting

Type: Complaint

Message:

Kia ora, After reading the NZ Herald article today "Electoral Commission polling place decisions under fire amidst recount and voting irregularities at Manurewa Marae" I wish to add a complaint to this kāupapa. My wife and I chose to fulfil our democratic duty by voting (early) at Manurewa Marae, Manurewa. We arrived on Saturday 7th October mid-morning and were welcomed with music, free food, free Te Pāti Māori beanie's and a number of Te Pāti Māori flags and banners. We were then told once we voted, we would be given a ticket to then present and receive ONE free hot hangi. I thought to myself, is this bias or what! I did not feel it was pono to the neutral and unbiased environment which should exist at an authorised Polling Booth. While it was an early vote which meant there were many political banners still visible, my wife and I saw nothing but 'Māori Party' insignia around the Marae. I knew Kemp was the CEO of Manurewa Marae, and the candidate for Tāmaki Makaurau. This is not right. I would not normally make a complaint, but this is too important not to. Ngā mihi

From: [Martin Rodgers](#)
To: [L & P Enquiries](#); [Karl Le Quesne](#); [Anusha Guler](#); [Media Enquiries](#)
Cc: [Kristina Temel](#)
Subject: RE: [Enquiry Subject] Voting enquiry from [REDACTED]
Date: Thursday, 9 November 2023 5:37:19 pm

I think this does impact on our response as this account is inconsistent with what we are hearing from our team. It may pay to see what else comes to us and work with the team tomorrow to reconcile the accounts of what happened. This said, I am conscious that Angel will be engaged with the recount, but Jeremy and Georgia will be available. Martin

From: L & P Enquiries <[REDACTED]@Elections.govt.nz>
Sent: Thursday, November 9, 2023 3:59 PM
To: Karl Le Quesne <[REDACTED]@elections.govt.nz>; Anusha Guler <[REDACTED]@elections.govt.nz>; Martin Rodgers <[REDACTED]@elections.govt.nz>; Media Enquiries <[REDACTED]@Elections.govt.nz>
Cc: Kristina Temel <[REDACTED]@elections.govt.nz>
Subject: FW: [Enquiry Subject] Voting enquiry from [REDACTED]

We have just received this complaint from a voter at the Manurewa Marae and wanted to let you know straight away just in case this impacts on responding to [REDACTED].

I understand the Comms team has received a number of follow up enquiries this afternoon after the Herald story was published – looping you in on this as well.

Natalie

From: Support <enquiries@vote.nz>
Sent: Thursday, November 9, 2023 3:03 PM
To: L & P Enquiries <[REDACTED]@Elections.govt.nz>
Subject: [Enquiry Subject] Voting enquiry from [REDACTED]

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From: [L & P Enquiries](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: [Enquiry Subject] Voting enquiry from [REDACTED]
Date: Thursday, 23 November 2023 4:20:00 pm

Kia ora [REDACTED],

Thank you for your email of 9 November 2023.

We have looked into the matters you have raised relating to Manurewa Marae.

The Manurewa Marae was identified by the Electoral Commission along with other local marae including Papakura, Ruapōtaka, and Ōrākei Marae as a potential venue that members of the surrounding community would readily vote in. It was noted that it had recently offered COVID-19 vaccinations and opportunities to participate in the Census. It is used by the Ministry of Social Development to promote employment opportunities. It is also used as a community hub by virtue of its medical services and food bank.

In our discussions with the marae, it was mentioned that they might provide kai and or activities to create a family friendly environment around the voting place. We were clear that the opportunity to receive kai or participate in the activities must be available to anyone coming to the marae and cannot be dependent on people voting. It is not uncommon for schools or other community organisations to host activities around voting places on this basis.

The marae was advertised as a voting place issuing votes for the Manurewa general electorate and the Tāmaki Makaurau Māori electorate and like all voting places, it also issued special votes for all general and Māori electorates across the country.

We were aware of a candidate's involvement at the marae. Prior to agreeing to use the venue we agreed that the candidate would not enter the voting place other than to vote. We were provided an alternative designated contact person that we made the arrangements with. We also ensured that the marae personnel were aware of the rules regarding election advertising. Electoral Commission staff made sure that the 10 metre advance voting place buffer zone and the election day rules were strictly being observed with respect to the voting place.

Under the Electoral Act, during the advance voting period, election advertising and branding can be displayed as long as it is not within 10 metres of the entrance to the place where votes are actually being issued. The entrance to the marae and the area where kai and activities were being offered was separated from and much more than 10 metres away from the area designated as the voting place.

The Electoral Commission was responsible for appointing and training the voting place staff. We set clear expectations that they must work in a way that supports a free and fair election. We have a code of conduct that sets that out, including being politically neutral.

On 3 October, we were first made aware of a social media post by the Manurewa Marae promoting a free hangi after people voted. The Electorate Manager contacted the marae contact person, on 4 October, to make it clear that the hangi (or any other food or entertainment) cannot be tied to having voted but should be available to everyone whether they have voted or

not. They were asked to amend their posts to reflect this. We received confirmation from our contact at the marae that they were providing kai to anyone who came to the voting place, and this was not conditional on whether or not they had voted. When the Electoral Commission's Acting Chair and Deputy Chief Executive Operations visited the marae on 5 October 2023, this is what they also observed.

On 9 October, the Commission received a further complaint, that was also copied to Police, regarding a social media post made not by the marae but by another individual which linked voting for Te Pāti Māori to receiving kai at the Manurewa Marae. The Electorate Manager contacted the marae again to check. The marae confirmed again that they were providing kai to anyone who came to the marae, and this was not conditional on whether they had voted or not and not linked to voting for any particular party.

Under [section 217](#) of the Electoral Act, anyone who gives or provides food, drink, entertainment or provision is liable for prosecution for the corrupt practice of treating, if done "for the purpose of corruptly" influencing that person to, generally put, alter their voting behaviour or procure the defendant's election.

Although the ambit is broad, the threshold for establishing treating is also high - a corrupt intention is required. The Courts have previously held that the offence of "treating" requires an intention on the part of the person treating to influence the votes of the persons treated.

In this case, it appears that the marae was publicly offering kai and entertainment alongside a whole range of organised marae activities including whanau day, kapa haka day, health checks, employment expo, and the Electoral Commission's voting place.

It appears that food was being made generally available without reference to voting or voting for Te Pāti Māori or its candidate. Small scale giveaways such as a beanie are not sufficient to meet the test for treating. There did not appear to be any overt campaigning associated with the manaakitanga.

Based on the information we have, we do not consider that this would meet the high test for treating and have not referred the matter to Police.

There have been complaints about the playing of the song 'Proud to be Māori/ 'You're Magic', composed by Matua Dave Para in 1984, on election day. In the Commission's view, this song and the message it is promoting are not exclusively campaign related. It is associated with a broader range of activities promoted at the marae, celebrating maori identity and achievements, and instilling a sense of pride into Māori communities. In our view, the playing of the song did not breach the election day rules.

Thank you for getting in touch with the Commission to raise your concerns with us.

Ngā mihi

Kristina Temel
Electoral Commission

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Email: [REDACTED]

From site: elections.nz

Subject: Voting

Type: Complaint

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From: [Support](#)
To: [L & P Enquiries](#)
Subject: [Enquiry Subject] Parties and candidates enquiry from [REDACTED]
Date: Tuesday, 21 November 2023 2:00:18 pm

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Hi Legal Team,

Here is an enquiry from [REDACTED] ([REDACTED]).

It was CC'd to:

From: Toni [REDACTED]
Date: Tue, Nov 21, 2023 at 1:59 pm
assigned to L&P - Tim

From: [REDACTED]
Date: Tue, Nov 21, 2023 at 1:40 pm

Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

From site: vote.nz

Subject: Parties and candidates

Type: Complaint

Message:

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| 6140 | Phone 0800 36 76 56

From: [L & P Enquiries](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: [Enquiry Subject] Parties and candidates enquiry from [REDACTED]
Date: Thursday, 23 November 2023 4:20:00 pm

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of 21 November 2023.

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Ngā mihi

Kristina Temel
Electoral Commission

From: [REDACTED]

Date: Tue, Nov 21, 2023 at 1:40 pm

Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

From site: vote.nz

Subject: Parties and candidates

Type: Complaint

Message:

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From: [L & P Enquiries](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: [Enquiry Subject] Voting enquiry from [REDACTED]
Date: Saturday, 14 October 2023 2:09:25 pm
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Kia ora [REDACTED]

Thanks for letting us know. We'll look into it and advise you of any outcome.

Ngā mihi

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Phone 0800 36 76 56 | [vote.nz](#) | [elections.nz](#)



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From: [REDACTED]
Date: Sat, Oct 14, 2023 at 1:51 pm

Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

From site: elections.nz

Subject: Voting

Type: Complaint

Message:

Maori Party advertising on Election Day.

<https://www.facebook.com/100057621242303/posts/pfbid02GbVftX8bKVhFZUmmNPTNJXTstGvRGRHFpi7jxg7P76JWtC4GkHtkBCbBpQpz8EKEI/?mibextid=cr9u03>

From: [L & P Enquiries](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: [Enquiry Subject] Election advertising enquiry from [REDACTED]
Date: Saturday, 14 October 2023 6:22:00 pm
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Kia ora [REDACTED]

Thanks for getting in touch.
We are aware of the issue and have contacted the candidate about it.

Ngā mihi

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From: [REDACTED]
Date: Sat, Oct 14, 2023 at 6:16 pm

Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

From site: elections.nz

Subject: Election advertising

Type: Complaint

Message:

Rawhiti Waititi has been posting on Instagram on Election Day advertising his party

From: [L & P Enquiries](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: secretary@maoriparty.org.nz
Subject: Electoral Commission - query about Facebook post
Date: Saturday, 14 October 2023 3:20:00 pm
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Kia ora Rawiri

The Electoral Commission has received a complaint about a post made on your Facebook page at 9.53am today.

The content of the post itself is allowed – it encourages people to vote (and not who to vote for), which is not a breach of the rules in section 197 of the Electoral Act.

However we'd urge you to disable any comments until 7pm tonight, as users have discussed who they have voted for or who they plan to vote for, which would put those people in breach of the rules.

In addition, any post that relates to the 2023 General Election will need a promoter statement in accordance with section 221A of the Electoral Act.

On social media, you can put the promoter statement in your Intro or 'About' section, and it will not need to be on every post.

Please could you let us know what steps you've taken to sort the issue.

Ngā mihi

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From: [REDACTED]
To: Dean
Subject: Treating?
Date: Friday, 8 September 2023 3:40:12 pm

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Hi Dean

<https://www.facebook.com/100057984222694/posts/pfbid0258t2qcfWSJruiJoowzoD9YHtDkuUmwBuJoASsG5mk9VovMuuw6aCEcG4YJpiDhBEKI/?mibextid=K8Wfd2>

The above link will take you to Ms. Debbie Ngarewa-Packer MP's Facebook page, on which an election advertisement has been published that states free food (sausage sizzle and hangi) and giveaways will be offered at an event at which she will be appearing as a candidate, something that can be inferred from the attachment of Te Parti Maori's logo to the advertisement. The catered event is scheduled for Saturday, 8 September 2023. We wonder if the provision of free and substantial food, along with unstated giveaways, amounts to treating? The advertisement may also breach the Electoral Act because it does not contain a dedicated promoter statement.

Please note that while the election advertisement above was published on Ms. Ngarewa-Packer's Facebook page, a second invitation was published on the Facebook page of the third-party promoter of this event, "The BBM Social Supermarket". The following link is to the promoter's invitation and accompanying video <https://fb.watch/mWj2tyCLYc/>. The promoter refers to the event as a "Meet and Greet with the incredible Debbie Ngarewa-Packer" and highlights the accompanying food and entertainment provided during the day.

Finally, we have noted that a number of photographs on Ms. Ngarewa-Packer's Facebook show campaigners using a variety of election advertisements that do not contain promoter statements.

We hope to soon receive your considered response.

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

From: [Dean \[REDACTED\]](#)
To: [Secretary Te Pati Māori](#)
Subject: Treating complaint - giveaways
Date: Tuesday, 12 September 2023 10:28:00 am
Attachments: [FB_IMG_1694153332898.jpg](#)
[FB_IMG_1694153311640.jpg](#)
[FB_IMG_1694153278415.jpg](#)

Kia ora Lance,

We have received a complaint about Te Pati Māori events that offer giveaways such as the meat and vegetable packs (see attached).

Treating under the Electoral Act covers anyone who gives or provides (wholly or in part) any food, drink or other provision, if done “for the purpose of corruptly” influencing that person to alter their voting behaviour or procure the defendant’s election. Although the ambit is broad, the threshold for establishing treating is also high - a corrupt intention is required.

Can you please provide an estimate of the value of the giveaways and the meat and vegetable packs?

Ngā mihi

Dean [REDACTED] | **Senior Advisor Legal** | **Electoral Commission** | Te Kaitiaki Take Kōwhiri
PO Box 3220 | Level 10, 34-42 Manners Street | Wellington
Phone [REDACTED] |

From: [REDACTED]
To: [L & P Enquiries](#)
Subject: RE: [Enquiry Subject] Parties and candidates enquiry from [REDACTED]
Date: Tuesday, 12 September 2023 5:31:18 pm

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Thank you very much.

On 12/09/2023 10:29 am, L & P Enquiries <[REDACTED]@Elections.govt.nz> wrote:

Kia ora [REDACTED],

We are looking into this matter and will advise you of the outcome.

Ngā mihi

Dean [REDACTED] | Senior Advisor Legal | Electoral Commission | Te Kaitiaki Take Kōwhiri

PO Box 3220 | Level 10, 34-42 Manners Street | Wellington

[REDACTED] ([REDACTED]).

It was CC'd to:

From: [REDACTED]

Date: Fri, Sep 8, 2023 at 6:23 pm

Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

From site: elections.nz

Subject: Parties and candidates

Type: Complaint

Message:

Tēnā koe, I am writing as a very concerned citizen of Aotearoa about Te Pāti Māori engaging in breaching the electoral rules on treating people. Mrs Ngarewa-Packer has been engaging in feeding and conducting free lotteries for political purposes and that is a shocking abuse of the rules, especially while other parties are conducting themselves appropriately. I have attached just a few of these 'kai and korero'/'giveaways' events. Please help make our election free and fair. Ngā mihi, [REDACTED]

MEET & GREET

With Te Pahi Māori co-leader *Māta-cōwhiri*

DEBBIE NGAWERA-PACKER **DAVE LETELE'S BIRTHDAY**

SAT 09 SEP 23

BBM TOKOROA

49 ASHWORTH ST, TOK

10AM-12PM FREE SAUSAGE SIZZLE ALL WELCOME

FREE HANGI - FROM THE HANGI MASTER

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BBM
BUITABEAM MOTIVATION



A portrait of Debbie Ngarewa-Packer, a woman with long dark hair and a goatee, wearing a black blazer over a red and green plaid top and a large green pounamu pendant. She is standing with her hands on her hips.

Debbie Ngarewa-Packer Tokoroa

Friday 8th September

Kai & Kōrero: Marleyz Kai, 6pm

Saturday 9th September

Whānau Day at BBM: free sausage sizzle & hangi, giveaways, fun activities

49 Ashworth Ave, 10am - 12pm

Flag Waving: BBM 49 Ashworth Ave, 1pm

Leaflet Drop: Maraetai Rd, 1.30pm

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A portrait of Debbie Ngarewa-Packer, a woman with long dark hair and a goatee, wearing a black blazer over a red and green plaid shirt and a large green Māori pounamu pendant. The background is a blurred green foliage.

Debbie Ngarewa-Packer

Whanganui

Saturday 2 September

Whanganui Markets: 9am

Flag Waving:

Dublin St Roundabout 12.30

Springvale roundabout 1.30

Puriri Street Shops & Gonville shops 2.30

Sausage Sizzle and Giveaways:

Castlecliff 3.30

Sunday 3 September

Leaflet Drop: Gonville 9.30am

Drop in for a kōrero & be in to
win 1 of 5 meat and vege packs!

māori

From: [Support](#)
To: [L & P Enquiries](#)
Subject: [Enquiry Subject] Election advertising enquiry from [REDACTED]
Date: Monday, 25 September 2023 9:42:23 am
Attachments: [Maori-Party-Promotion.jpg](#)

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Hi Legal Team,

Here is an enquiry from [REDACTED] ([REDACTED]).

It was CC'd to:

From: [REDACTED]
Date: Sat, Sep 23, 2023 at 4:29 pm

Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

From site: elections.nz

Subject: Election advertising

Type: Complaint

Message:

Hi, The Maori Party appears to have breached Electoral Laws in providing free food and entertainment to promote their party during an election campaign. I have attached an advertisement from the maori party in which they offer free food, free entertainment and free merchandise to people who come to their party event, while at the same time asking people to come and speak to their candidates. This appears to come under the category of "Treating", which is an illegal activity according to elections.nz: "Treating is giving people food, drink, other items or entertainment to intentionally influence their vote. It's a criminal offence to treat before, during or after a general election."

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10AM - 2PM

From: [Support](#)
To: [L & P Enquiries](#)
Subject: Parties and candidates enquiry from Josh
Date: Monday, 25 September 2023 10:38:21 am
Attachments: [F6ooXJ8awAAv4sO.png](#)
[F6ooXJ8awAAv4sO2.png](#)

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Hi Legal Team,

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It was CC'd to:

From: [REDACTED]
Date: Sat, Sep 23, 2023 at 5:51 pm

Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

From site: vote.nz

Subject: Parties and candidates

Type: Complaint

Message:

Kia Ora, It has come to my attention that Debbie Ngarewa-Packer, Te Pati Maori candidate and co-leader has been treating people with drinks, food and live music as well as free merchandise seen below in the attached screenshots. This is outlined very clearly as illegal. I'd appreciate it if something was done about this. Regards [REDACTED]

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3 comments 2 shares

From: [Kristina Temel](#)
To: [Dean](#) [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: Treating fyi
Date: Monday, 25 September 2023 4:04:13 pm
Attachments: [IMG_0107.jpeg](#)
[IMG_0108.jpeg](#)

From: Karl Le Quesne <[REDACTED]@elections.govt.nz>

Sent: Sunday, September 24, 2023 10:49 AM

To: Kristina Temel <[REDACTED]@elections.govt.nz>; Suzanne Knight-Tinirau <[REDACTED]@elections.govt.nz>

Cc: Anusha Guler <[REDACTED]@elections.govt.nz>

Subject: Treating fyi

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Post



The Maori Party is breaking the law.
elections.nz/assets/pagecom...

Yāku oia! / Break the law

Treating is giving people food, drink, other items or entertainment to intentionally influence their vote. It's a criminal offence to treat before, during or after a general election.

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From: [Support](#)
To: [L & P Enquiries](#)
Subject: [Enquiry Subject] Parties and candidates enquiry from [REDACTED]
Date: Monday, 25 September 2023 12:11:16 pm
Attachments: [20230924_155313.jpg](#)
[20230924_155309.jpg](#)

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Hi Legal Team,

Here is an enquiry from [REDACTED] ([REDACTED]).

It was CC'd to:

From: [REDACTED]
Date: Sun, Sep 24, 2023 at 4:07 pm

Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

From site: elections.nz

Subject: Parties and candidates

Type: Complaint

Message:

I believe that Te Pati Maori and candidate Debbie Ngawera-Packer have violated New Zealand election law by offering bribes to voters in the form of free food and entertainment for votes today in Otaki.



Debbie Ngarewa-Packer, MP · Follow

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From: [Support](#)
To: [L & P Enquiries](#)
Subject: [Enquiry Subject] Other enquiry from [REDACTED]
Date: Monday, 25 September 2023 9:09:51 am
Attachments: [TePatiMaori-Faebook-pageaccesssd-24-8-23.docx](#)

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Hi Legal Team,

Here is an enquiry from [REDACTED] ([REDACTED]).

It was CC'd to:

From: [REDACTED]
Date: Sun, Sep 24, 2023 at 7:43 pm

Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

From site: elections.nz

Subject: Other

Type: Complaint

Message:

Breaches of s 217 (2) Electoral Act by Te Pati Maori party

<https://www.facebook.com/debbiengarewapacker/posts/pfbid02cS1ezGza2bhmoBiUS4pNrrpk14djVhY1cVQo9b8Y9r54n6E6pJnpAcgnTpfBfVEol>

Offering food and drink

From: [Support](#)
To: [L & P Enquiries](#)
Subject: [Enquiry Subject] Election advertising enquiry from [REDACTED]
Date: Monday, 25 September 2023 10:40:30 am

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Hi Legal Team,

Here is an enquiry from [REDACTED] ([REDACTED]).

It was CC'd to: [REDACTED]

From: Sharon [REDACTED]
Date: Mon, Sep 25, 2023 at 10:24 am

Request [#106217](#) "106215" was closed and merged into this request. Last comment in request [#106217](#):
<https://thebfd.co.nz/wp-content/uploads/2023/09/TPM.jpg>

From: [REDACTED]
Date: Sun, Sep 24, 2023 at 4:38 pm

Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

From site: elections.nz

Subject: Election advertising

Type: Complaint

Message:

I would like to complain that the Maori Party is in breach of 217 Treating of the Electoral Act 1993. They are advertising at least 2 separate events on 24 and 25 September where food drink and entertainment will be provided for the purpose of influencing their election. This appears to be in clear breach of the law.

From: Sharon [REDACTED]
Date: Mon, Sep 25, 2023 at 10:34 am

217Treating

(1)

Every person is guilty of a corrupt practice who commits the offence of treating.

(2)

Every person commits the offence of treating who corruptly, by himself or herself or by any other person on his or her behalf, either before, during, or after an election, directly or indirectly gives or provides, or pays wholly or in part the expense of giving or providing, any food, drink, entertainment, or provision to or for any person—

(a)

for the purpose of corruptly influencing that person or any other person to vote or refrain from voting; or

(b)

for the purpose of procuring himself or herself to be elected; or

(c)

on account of that person or any other person having voted or refrained from voting, or being about to vote

or refrain from voting.

(3)

Every person commits the offence of treating who, being the holder of a licence for the sale by retail of alcohol (within the meaning of [section 5\(1\)](#) of the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012), knowingly supplies any food, drink, entertainment, or provision—

(a)

to any person where the supply thereof is demanded for the purpose of treating, or for any corrupt or illegal practice; or

(b)

to any persons, whether electors or not, for the purpose of procuring the return of a candidate or candidates at an election, and without receiving payment for it at the time when it is supplied.

(4)

Every elector who corruptly accepts or takes any such food, drink, entertainment, or provision also commits the offence of treating.

(5)

Notwithstanding anything in this section, the provision of a light supper after any election meeting shall be deemed not to constitute the offence of treating.

Compare: 1956 No 107 s 142; 1975 No 28 s 41

Section 217(3): amended, on 18 December 2013, by [section 417\(1\)](#) of the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012 (2012 No 120).

From: **Sharon** 

Date: Mon, Sep 25, 2023 at 10:25 am

Request [#106216](#) "106215" was closed and merged into this request. Last comment in request [#106216](#) :

<https://thebfd.co.nz/wp-content/uploads/2023/09/TPM-1.jpg>

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Sharon | Customer Services | Electoral Commission | Te Kaitiaki Take Kōwhiri | PO Box 190 | Wellington | 6140 | Phone 0800 36 76 56



Debbie Ngarewa-Packer, MP

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From: [Hanna \[REDACTED\]](#)
To: [L & P Enquiries](#)
Cc: [Jarrod \[REDACTED\]](#); [Grace \[REDACTED\]](#); [Clare \[REDACTED\]](#)
Subject: "Treating" questions on social media
Date: Monday, 25 September 2023 2:07:48 pm
Attachments: [image007.jpg](#)
[image008.png](#)
[image009.png](#)
[image010.png](#)

Kia ora e te tīma,

I understand you are working on some reactive messaging for queries that have come in over the weekend about the issue of 'treating' and Te Pāti Māori. Thought I would also send you the tricky ones related to this that came in via social media over the weekend, mainly in response to this [one particular tweet](#) that we were tagged in which we also need to respond to. As you can see below, it's had nearly 31K views, which has brought a lot of traffic to us. Would you mind sharing the lines you have or come up with ASAP so we can craft responses? Thank you!

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1:57 AM · Sep 23, 2023 · 30.8K Views

Questions include:

- [Are donations an offense punishable by prison time?](#)

This is called Treating, and is a criminal offense punishable by prison time.

Are donations an offense punishable by prison time?

3:28 PM · Sep 23, 2023 · 514 Views

- [What about merchandise?](#)

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What about the merchandise?

9:35 PM · Sep 23, 2023 · 6 Views

Hanna [REDACTED] ([she/her](#)) | Senior Digital Advisor, Communications & Education | Electoral Commission | Te Kaitiaki Take Kōwhiri
PO Box 3220 | Level 10, 34-42 Manners Street | Wellington | [REDACTED] | [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] | [vote.nz](#) | [elections.nz](#)



From: [REDACTED]
To: [L & P Enquiries](#)
Subject: Re: Other enquiry from [REDACTED]
Date: Tuesday, 26 September 2023 5:25:10 pm
Attachments: [image0.png](#)

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Kia ora Braedyn,

Thanks for your email. Just wondering if you have any updates or if EC have any views on whether or not this is a breach? I've noticed they're still doing this, attached is another screenshot.

Ngaa mihi,



Sent from my iPhone

On 25/09/2023, at 9:40 AM, L & P Enquiries <[REDACTED]@elections.govt.nz> wrote:

Kia ora [REDACTED]

Thanks for your email.

We have been in touch with Te Pāti Māori about this and are looking into the matter.

Ngā mihi
Braedyn

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

Electoral Commission – Te Kaitiaki Take Kōwhiri

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[<image001.png>](#)

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From: [REDACTED]

Date: Fri, Sep 22, 2023 at 10:27 pm

Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

From site: vote.nz

Subject: Other

Type: Complaint

Message:

Kia ora, Please find attached 2 recent screenshots from the Facebook page of Te Pati Māori co-leader & Te Tai Hauauru candidate, Debbie Ngarewa-Packer.

Could you please explain to me how this isn't considered a breach of the Electoral Act 1993, Section 217 (2) regarding 'treating'? And if it is considered treating, I would like to formally report it please. Ngā mihi

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Wellington | Phone 0800 36 76 56



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10:21



Debbie Ngarewa-Packer, MP

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7 Sep

Tokoroa... See you tomorrow! We have some awesome events lined up for Friday and Saturday thanks to the brother @daveletele_ and the whānau at BBM and of course we're bringing our flags and our leaflets! Marleyz Kai



103

16 comments 13 shares



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Debbie Ngarewa-Packer, MP

7 Sep

Ok whānau, let's get ready! We have heaps of cool kōrero around the upcoming election coming your way so keep an eye out 🙄 But as a sta... See more



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Marketplace



Groups



Notifications



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#TarakakiTeTaiHauāuru

As you may have seen, our Te Pāti Māori Taraka was in Otaki yesterday to kick off its tour through Te Tai Hauāuru! It has arrived in Palmerston North where there'll be lots of fun with our Papaiōea team from 10am - 2pm today! It will then be in Hawera and New Plymouth! Check out the picture for more info 🙌

Te Pāti Māori Taraka

Palmerston North

Monday 25 September
Te Kura Kaupapa Māori o Manawatu
10am - 2pm
Kāpāhaka, singing competitions,
free sausage sizzle, free merch
giveaways

New Plymouth

Wednesday 27 September
Corner of Elliot and Courtney St
12 - 2pm
Performances, free sausage sizzle,
free merch giveaways & FLAG
WAVING

Te Hawera

Tuesday 26 September
89 Collins St
12 - 2pm
Performances, free sausage sizzle,
free merch giveaways & FLAG WAVING



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12 comments 13 shares

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From: [John Tamihere](#)
To: [Dean](#) [REDACTED]
Subject: TE PATI MAORI - REFER ALL MATTERS TO THE NZ POLICE
Date: Wednesday, 27 September 2023 8:39:23 pm

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Kia Ora Dean

Please advise [REDACTED], who I know is a racist of this direction on our part .

Please also advise the rest of your leadership .

We will deal only with the NZ Police in regard to any further dealings with your Commission.

We trust the integrity and professionalism of the NZ Police in these matters .

We trust their judgement .

We deeply regret that your silly threats about referring us to the Police over matters that can be addressed over the phone must now be directed to them .

We and you know they have better things to do , but at least they have integrity .

We will only communicate with the NZ Police from here on in , refer away !

Heoi Ano

John Tamihere

Te Pati Maori President

Sent from my iPhone

From: [REDACTED]
To: [L & P Enquiries](#)
Subject: Re: Parties and candidates enquiry from [REDACTED]
Date: Wednesday, 27 September 2023 12:21:48 am
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

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Further to the above complaint, see the following link. This clearly goes above the threshold for treating in my opinion. Providing full band set up and "a meal" is above the notion of a cuppa and biscuits.

<https://fb.watch/nitYxhDRSu/?mibextid=Nif5oz>

From: L & P Enquiries <[REDACTED]@Elections.govt.nz>
Sent: Monday, September 25, 2023 9:39:28 am
To: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Subject: RE: Parties and candidates enquiry from [REDACTED]

Kia ora [REDACTED]

Thanks for your email.

We have been in touch with Te Pāti Māori about this and are looking into the matter.

Ngā mihi
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Braedyn [REDACTED] (he/him) | Advisor Legal
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From: [REDACTED]
Date: Sat, Sep 23, 2023 at 3:55 pm

Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

From site: elections.nz

Subject: Parties and candidates

Type: Complaint

Message:

Te Pati Maori are holding an event featuring several forms of 'treating' as defined by electoral law. Quote "there'll be a live band, Kai, free merch giveaways and a chance to catch up before the election!" Seems to be a clear breach by giving free entertainment that holds a large normal value, as well as free merch (likely party branded) - food is not specifically noted as free, but context implies it is. See the attached screenshot

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The image is a screenshot of a Facebook post from Debbie Ngarewa-Packer, MP. The post text reads: "#Otaki This Sunday our big Te Pāti Māori truck will be making its way through Te Tai Hauāuru, with its first stop being at TeChurch with @thehori in Otaki. There'll be a live band, kai, free merch giveaways and a chance to catch up before the election! Keep an eye out for where the truck will be stopping next - more locations to come 🙌". Below the text is a promotional graphic for the event. The graphic features the word "māori" in a stylized font at the top. Below that is a photo of Debbie Ngarewa-Packer. To the right of the photo is the text "WHARE DEB" in a flame-like font, "TE CHURCH" in a gothic font, and "HORI" in a handwritten font. At the bottom of the graphic, it says "JOIN US FOR KAWHE, KAI AND SOME KŌRERO SUNDAY 24TH SEP @ TE WHARE TOI O HORI 84 MOANA STREET, ŌTAKI BEACH 10AM - 2PM".

From: [Support](#)
To: [L & P Enquiries](#)
Subject: [Enquiry Subject] Possible Illegal Advertising
Date: Thursday, 28 September 2023 9:03:31 am

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Hi Legal Team,

Here is an enquiry from [REDACTED] ([REDACTED]).

It was CC'd to:

From: [REDACTED]
Date: Wed, Sep 27, 2023 at 4:50 pm

Greetings

I am enquiring whether a Political Party advertising the offering of free goods and free food at a Public Meeting contravenes rules for electioneering. Te Pati Maori is advertising "Come along to " the venue" for FREE TEE SHIRTS, FREE KAI.

It certainly contravenes the rules applying to Local Elections.
(Local Electoral Act 2001 Section 126)

Treating

1. *Every person commits the offence of treating, who corruptly, before, during, or after, an election or poll, and directly or indirectly, on that persons own or by another person, gives or provides, or pays wholly or in part the expense of giving or providing, any food , drink, entertainment, or provision to or for any person*
 - (a) *for the purpose of influencing that person or any other person to vote or refrain from voting*
 - (b) *for the purpose of obtaining his or her election.*

(5) *Every person who commits the offence of Treating is liable on conviction or indictment to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 2 years*

Can you please advise if the same rules apply to a General Election.

Thank You and Kind Regards

[REDACTED]

From: [Electoral Commission](#)
To: [L & P Enquiries](#)
Subject: [Enquiry Subject] Call with Telnet Call escalation - [REDACTED]
Date: Thursday, 28 September 2023 12:53:44 pm

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Hi Legal Team,

Here is an enquiry from Telnet Call escalation - [REDACTED]

It was CC'd to:

From: Sean [REDACTED]

Date: Thu, Sep 28, 2023 at 12:34 pm

A guy called up making an anonymous complaint. After assuring him of confidentiality of any discussion we have by those calling g EC and assuring him we would not disclose any names or contact details of complainants to political parties, he provided me with an email address so we can communicate the outcome of our investigation of his complaints. E: [REDACTED] -

Wants to lay an anonymous complaint against a party possibly breaking the Electoral Act. On Debbie Ngarewa Packer's Facebook Pages, 2 posts mention she is touring her electorate and giving away free merchandise giveaways and sausage sizzles and I believe this is breaking section 217 of the Electoral Act where she is possibly treating voters.

He also asked what the rules regarding promoter statements on images are that show when events are on and happening? This could relate to adverts promoting free kai and merchandise.

From: + [REDACTED]

Date: Thu, Sep 28, 2023 at 12:18 pm

Inbound call from: + [REDACTED] **Call Details:** Call from: + [REDACTED] Call to: + [REDACTED] Time of call: 2023-09-27 23:13:36 UTC Location: Auckland, New Zealand Answered by: Sean [REDACTED] Length of phone call: 4 minutes, 29 seconds Listen to the recording:

[https://\[REDACTED\]](https://[REDACTED])

From: Sean [REDACTED]

Date: Thu, Sep 28, 2023 at 12:13 pm

Call from: + [REDACTED]

Call to: + [REDACTED]

Time of call: 27 September 2023 at 11:13:36 pm

Answered by: Sean [REDACTED]

From: [Kristina Temel](#)
To: [Dean \[REDACTED\]](#)
Subject: RE: TPM Treating - DRAFT email to complainants
Date: Thursday, 5 October 2023 10:57:59 am

Looks good thx Dean

From: Dean Shirley <[REDACTED]@elections.govt.nz>
Sent: Thursday, October 5, 2023 10:18 AM
To: Kristina Temel <[REDACTED]@elections.govt.nz>
Subject: TPM Treating - DRAFT email to complainants

Hi Kristina,

Draft email to all the complainants in the TPM treating matter for your review.

Thanks
Dean

Kia ora,

Thank you for contacting the Commission regarding Te Pati Māori events where food, entertainment and giveaways were provided to attendees.

The question about treating comes up quite often during campaigns. The Electoral Act says 'the provision of a light supper after any election meeting shall be deemed not to constitute the offence of treating'. Providing ordinary hospitality on a modest scale is usually fine as the threshold for establishing treating is high - a corrupt intention is required. If the scale of the food, entertainment and giveaways being provided is modest, it is unlikely to constitute treating.

The Commission has received information from Te Pati Māori and is satisfied that these events did not amount to treating. The Commission will not be taking any further action in this matter.

Ngā mihi

Dean [REDACTED] | **Senior Advisor Legal** | **Electoral Commission** | Te Kaitiaki Take Kōwhiri
PO Box 3220 | Level 10, 34-42 Manners Street | Wellington
Phone [REDACTED]

From: Benjamin [REDACTED]
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Election advertising enquiry from [REDACTED]
Date: Friday, 18 August 2023 10:24:00 am
Attachments: [image001.jpg](#)

Kia ora [REDACTED]

Thank you for getting in touch about this. We have raised this matter with the party secretary, and will advise you of the outcome.

Ngā mihi

Benjamin [REDACTED] ([he/him](#)) | Senior Policy Advisor | Legal and Policy
Electoral Commission | Te Kaitiaki Take Kōwhiri
PO Box 3220 | Level 4, 34-42 Manners Street | Wellington
Work + [REDACTED] | [vote.nz](#) | [elections.nz](#)



From: [REDACTED]
Date: Wed, Aug 16, 2023 at 9:52 pm

Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

From site: elections.nz

Subject: Election advertising

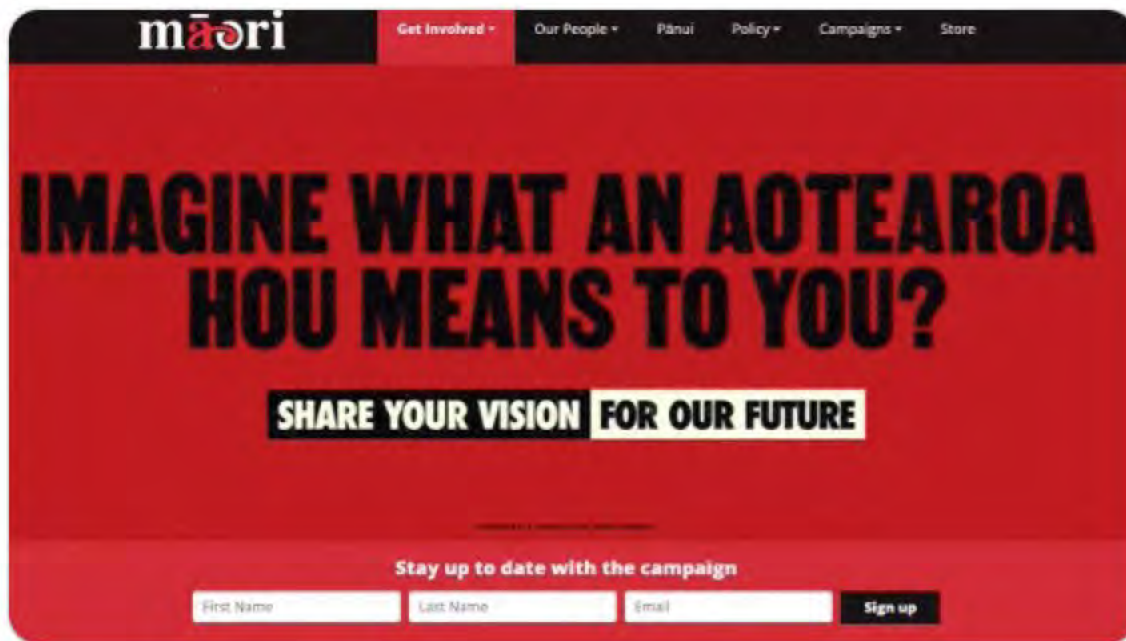
Type: Complaint

Message:

Kia ora, Just enquiring regarding two complaints about Te Pati Maori. First on their website, although on the main page there is an authorisation, it is not on any other page, it is also a PO Box which I believe is not allowed. <https://www.maoriparty.org.nz> Second they are selling merch through their website with their logo on it which has no authorisation at all. <https://boost.wip.co.nz/maorimerchandise/default.aspx> Thanks for your help with this, [REDACTED]

So Te Pāti Māori using a PO Box for theirs is not compliant?

maoriparty.org.nz



The screenshot shows the Māori Party website with a red background. The navigation bar includes the 'māori' logo and links for 'Get Involved', 'Our People', 'Pānui', 'Policy', 'Campaigns', and 'Store'. The main content area features the text 'IMAGINE WHAT AN AOTEAROA HOU MEANS TO YOU?' and 'SHARE YOUR VISION FOR OUR FUTURE'. Below this is a sign-up form with fields for 'First Name', 'Last Name', and 'Email', and a 'Sign up' button.

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From: [L & P Enquiries](#)
To: secretary@maoriparty.org.nz
Subject: Query about promoter statement
Date: Monday, 14 August 2023 3:51:00 pm
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Kia ora Lance

It's been brought to our attention that the promoter statements on your websites maoriparty.org.nz and aotearoahau.co.nz are not fully compliant with the Electoral Act. The Act requires that a promoter statement contains the full street address of where the promoter lives or can be contacted during business hours.

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Ngā mihi
Braedyn

Braedyn [REDACTED] (he/him) | Advisor Legal

Electoral Commission – Te Kaitiaki Take Kōwhiri

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[REDACTED] | vote.nz | elections.nz



To: Kristina Temel
Subject: RE: Promoter statements and party logo

From: Kristina Temel <[REDACTED]@elections.govt.nz>
Sent: Monday, August 21, 2023 11:03 AM
To: Lance Norman <secretary@maoriparty.org.nz>
Subject: Promoter statements and party logo

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Have you provided two electronic copies of the colour logo (one must be marked up with PMS (Pantone Matching System) codes for the colours, with each element of the logo labelled with its respective PMS code) and a black and white version of the logo in each of the following formats:

- high resolution .eps (5cm wide, 350dpi, CMYK)
- high resolution .jpg (5cm wide, 350dpi, RGB)
- low resolution .jpg (300 pixels wide, 72 dpi, RGB)



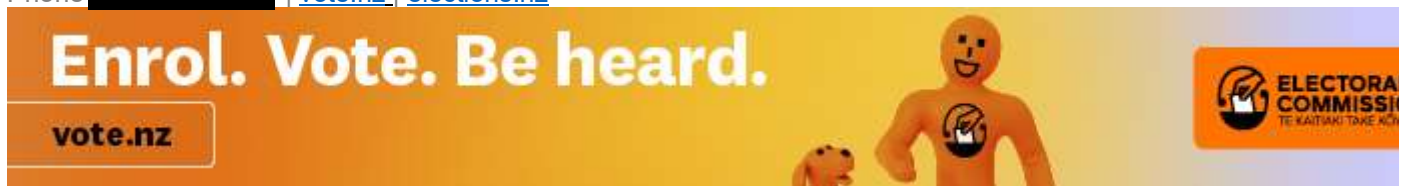
Ngā mihi

Kristina Temel

Kristina Temel | Manager, Legal and Policy | **Electoral Commission** | Te Kaitiaki Take Kōwhiri

PO Box 3220 | Level 10, 34 – 42 Manners Street | Wellington | 6140

Phone [REDACTED] | vote.nz | elections.nz



From: L & P Enquiries

Sent: Monday, August 14, 2023 3:51 PM

To: secretary@maoriparty.org.nz

Subject: Query about promoter statement

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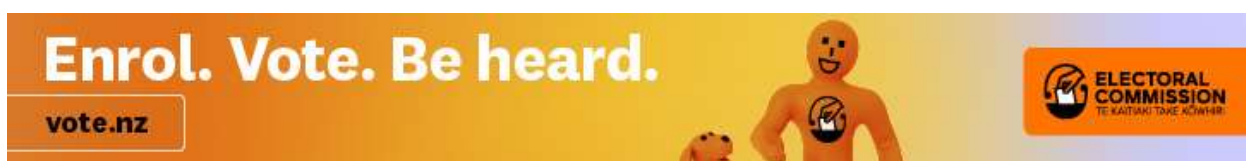
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From: Secretary Te Pati Māori <secretary@maoriparty.org.nz>

Sent: Thursday, March 2, 2023 8:34 AM

To: Dean [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]@elections.govt.nz](mailto:[REDACTED]@elections.govt.nz)>

Cc: John Tamihere <[REDACTED]@waiwhanau.com>; [REDACTED]@parliament.govt.nz; Keanu [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@parliament.govt.nz>

Subject: Re: Māori party Instagram page - no promoter statement

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Kia Ora Dean,

Received and noted the below.

Ngā Mihi

Lance Norman

Secretary

Te Pāti Māori

M [REDACTED]

On Thu, 2 Mar 2023 at 08:00, Dean [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@elections.govt.nz> wrote:

Kia ora Lance,

Thank you for confirming this. We will not be taking this matter further, but please ensure that the Māori Party's website and its social media profiles have up to date and compliant promoter statements.

Nga mihi

Dean

Dean [REDACTED] | Senior Advisor Legal | Electoral Commission | Te Kaitiaki Take Kōwhiri
PO Box 3220 | Level 10, 34-42 Manners Street | Wellington
Phone [REDACTED]

From: Secretary Te Pati Māori <secretary@maoriparty.org.nz>

Sent: Monday, 27 February 2023 16:17

To: Dean [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@elections.govt.nz>

Subject: Māori party Instagram page - no promoter statement

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Kia Ora Dean,

My understanding is that we have now updated to "Authorised by Rawiri Waititi"

Please confirm that this is now all good.

Ngā Mihi

Lance Norman

Secretary

Te Pāti Māori

M [REDACTED]

From: [L & P Enquiries](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: [Enquiry Subject] Other enquiry from [REDACTED]
Date: Monday, 14 August 2023 9:32:39 am

Kia ora [REDACTED],

Apologies. Te Pati Māori is a registered party and can contest both the party and electorate votes at the upcoming general election. A separate investigation into the Waipareira Trust is unlikely to affect this.

If a charity is promoting a political party, then there are third party rules round this. Please see: <https://elections.nz/guidance-and-rules/for-third-party-promoters/>

I hope this clarifies.

Nga mihi
Dean

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, August 14, 2023 9:26 AM
To: L & P Enquiries <legal@Elections.govt.nz>
Subject: Re: [Enquiry Subject] Other enquiry from [REDACTED]

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Morena ano,

I know what the rules are regarding candidates. That's not the question I asked. What I asked about was how it affects Te Pāti Māori because that is what the issue is. A party being promoted by a charity.

Your answer suggests there is no rule around a party's ability to register which is also a requirement to contest the party vote in an election. If this is the case, please just say so.

Nga mihi,
[REDACTED]

On Mon, 14 Aug 2023, 09:00 L & P Enquiries, <[REDACTED]@elections.govt.nz> wrote:

Morena [REDACTED],

To be a candidate you must be both enrolled to vote and be a New Zealand citizen.

However, an individual is disqualified from enrolling (and therefore cannot be a candidate) if they are in prison serving a sentence of 3 years or more. So if the outcome of an investigation results in a prison sentence of 3 years or more, they cannot be stand as a candidate.

Nga mihi
Dean

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Monday, August 14, 2023 8:32 AM

To: L & P Enquiries <[REDACTED]@Elections.govt.nz>

Subject: Re: [Enquiry Subject] Other enquiry from [REDACTED]

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Morena Dean.

I think you may have misunderstood the question. I'm not asking about Electoral Commission investigating Waipareira. That's a charity services issue. What I'm wanting to know is if the outcome of that investigation into Waipareira promoting Te Pati Māori and hosting their launch has any effect on Te Pati Māori and their ability to stand in this election or the next.

Your reply suggests that parties are able to do as they please and continue to represent people despite breaking obvious rules.

I hope that clarifies things better.

Nga mihi.

On Mon, 14 Aug 2023, 08:24 L & P Enquiries, <[REDACTED]@elections.govt.nz> wrote:

Kia ora [REDACTED],

Thank you for contacting the Electoral Commission and apologies for the late reply.

The Commission does not have a role to play regarding any investigations into the Waipareira Trust.

Nga mihi
Dean

Dean [REDACTED] | **Senior Advisor Legal** | **Electoral Commission** | Te Kaitiaki Take Kōwhiri
PO Box 3220 | Level 10, 34-42 Manners Street | Wellington

[REDACTED] ([REDACTED]).

It was CC'd to:

From: [REDACTED]

Date: Wed, Aug 9, 2023 at 11:58 am

Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

From site: elections.nz

Subject: Other

Type: Enquiry

Message:

Hi there, I'm writing to question if Waipareira being investigated for hosting Te Pati Māori campaign launch can impact TPM' ability to stand in this election or the next if Waipareira is found to be guilty through this investigation? Given John Tamihere is the CEO of Waipareira and also the party president of TPM, I think voters have a right to know of possible consequences to their votes and TPMs eligibility to run. Thanks and regards, [REDACTED]

Ella [REDACTED]

To: Kristina Temel
Subject: RE: [Enquiry Subject] Complaint against Waipareira Trust/John Tamihere/Te Pāti Māori

From: Kristina Temel
Sent: Friday, August 11, 2023 12:06 PM
To: Clare [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@elections.govt.nz>; Karl Le Quesne <[REDACTED]@elections.govt.nz>
Subject: FW: [Enquiry Subject] Complaint against Waipareira Trust/John Tamihere/Te Pāti Māori

FYI

From: Benjamin [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@elections.govt.nz>
Sent: Friday, August 11, 2023 10:55 AM
To: Kristina Temel <[REDACTED]@elections.govt.nz>
Subject: FW: [Enquiry Subject] Complaint against Waipareira Trust/John Tamihere/Te Pāti Māori

Ngā mihi

[REDACTED] (he/him) | Senior Policy Advisor | Legal and Policy
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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, August 10, 2023 7:59 PM
To: Benjamin [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@elections.govt.nz>
Subject: RE: [Enquiry Subject] Complaint against Waipareira Trust/John Tamihere/Te Pāti Māori

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Evening, Benjamin,

Thanks for the quick reply!

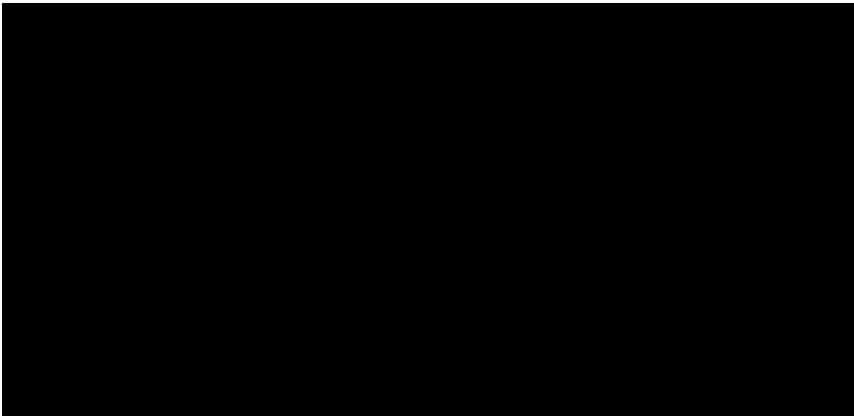
It's probably easiest if I reply to each of your points below in [blue](#).

Cheers
[REDACTED]



[Redacted]
[Redacted]
M. [Redacted]

[LinkedIn](#)



From: [Kristina Temel](#)
To: secretary@maoriparty.org.nz
Bcc: Benjamin [REDACTED]
Subject: Complaint about van signwriting and Waipareira website content
Date: Wednesday, 16 August 2023 7:13:00 pm
Attachments: [van.jpg](#)
[Waipareira Trust website.mp4](#)

Kia ora Lance,

I am getting in touch in relation to some sign-written vans and website content that the Electoral Commission has received a complaint about. Both feature Rawiri Waititi.

The attached images and video from the website have been provided by the complainant.

The complainant is of the view that these are party advertisements because Rawiri Waititi is the party co-leader and features in both.

Any information you can provide to assist us forming a view and responding to the complainant would be very helpful, including:

- any comments you want to make on whether you consider these to be party advertisements,
- how long the van signage and website images have been used and who else is featured on the van,
- any content on the other sides of the van, and
- whether the website or van include a promoter statement and have been authorised by you as party secretary.

It would be helpful if you could respond by 5pm Friday 25 August 2023.

Ngā mihi

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From: [Secretary Te Pati Māori](#)
To: [Kristina Temel](#)
Cc: [John Tamihere](#)
Subject: Complaint about van signwriting and Waipareira website content
Date: Friday, 18 August 2023 2:13:25 pm
Attachments: [Picture \(Device Independent Bitmap\) 1.jpg](#)
[van.jpg](#)
[Waipareira Trust website.mp4](#)

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Kia Ora Kristina,

The van graphics were produced for a campaign to encourage Māori to get vaccinated over the Covid-19 period. You will recall the original strategy for Māori was not well managed by the Ministry of Health. This was done over 2 years ago and the van has had signage on it from that point.

This is **not** a Party advertisement.

- 1) There is no mention of the words Te Pāti Māori.
- 2) There is no mention of Rawiri's name.
- 3) There is no mention of voting.
- 4) The colours are not Te Pāti Māori which are black, white and red.
- 5) You can see there are photo's of six Māori leaders in total in the photo.
- 6) You can see that there is an image "Proud to be Māori" on the van.
- 7) It is the same graphic on both sides of the van.
- 8) The Van does not need an Authorised Promoter Statement as it is not a promotion for the Party.

The advert on the website is the same. If you listen to the ad, it promotes "Proud to be Māori" and does not mention Te Pāti Māori at all.

In relation to the complaint, both the van and the website and website content are separate to Te Pāti Māori

Please contact me if you have any queries.

Ngā Mihi

Lance Norman

Secretary

Te Pāti Māori

Moblie: [REDACTED]

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From: **Kristina Temel** <[REDACTED]@elections.govt.nz>

Date: Thu, 17 Aug 2023 at 08:30

Subject: Complaint about van signwriting and Waipareira website content

To: Lance Norman <secretary@maoriparty.org.nz>

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From: [Karl Le Quesne](#)
To: [Kristina Temel](#)
Cc: [Benjamin \[REDACTED\]](#), [Karen \[REDACTED\]](#)
Subject: Re: Promoter statements and party logo
Date: Monday, 21 August 2023 10:05:39 am
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
[image002.png](#)
[image003.png](#)

Yes thanks.

Get [Outlook for iOS](#)

From: Kristina Temel <[REDACTED]@elections.govt.nz>
Sent: Monday, August 21, 2023 10:04:36 AM
To: Karl Le Quesne <[REDACTED]@elections.govt.nz>
Cc: Benjamin [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@elections.govt.nz>; Karen [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@elections.govt.nz>
Subject: RE: Promoter statements and party logo

Kia ora Karl,

Just following up on this to see if you are OK for the email below to go to Lance. Be good if we could get this to him ASAP.

Ngā mihi

Kristina

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From: Kristina Temel
Sent: Friday, August 18, 2023 5:12 PM
To: Karl Le Quesne <[REDACTED]@elections.govt.nz>
Cc: Braedyn [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@elections.govt.nz>
Subject: Promoter statements and party logo

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Phone [REDACTED] | vote.nz | elections.nz



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Sent: Monday, August 14, 2023 3:51 PM

To: secretary@maoriparty.org.nz

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Sent: Thursday, March 2, 2023 8:34 AM

To: Dean [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]@elections.govt.nz](mailto:[REDACTED]@elections.govt.nz)>

Cc: John Tamihere <[\[REDACTED\]@waiwhanau.com](mailto:[REDACTED]@waiwhanau.com)>; [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]@parliament.govt.nz](mailto:[REDACTED]@parliament.govt.nz)>; Keanu [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]@parliament.govt.nz](mailto:[REDACTED]@parliament.govt.nz)>

Subject: Re: Māori party Instagram page - no promoter statement

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Ngā Mihi

Lance Norman

Secretary

Te Pāti Māori

M [REDACTED]

On Thu, 2 Mar 2023 at 08:00, Dean [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]@elections.govt.nz](mailto:[REDACTED]@elections.govt.nz)> wrote:

Kia ora Lance,

Thank you for confirming this. We will not be taking this matter further, but please ensure that the Māori Party's website and its social media profiles have up to date and compliant promoter statements.

Nga mihi
Dean

Dean [REDACTED] | **Senior Advisor Legal | Electoral Commission** | Te Kaitiaki Take Kōwhiri

PO Box 3220 | Level 10, 34-42 Manners Street | Wellington

Phone [REDACTED] |

From: Secretary Te Pati Māori <secretary@maoriparty.org.nz>

Sent: Monday, 27 February 2023 16:17

To: Dean [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@elections.govt.nz>

Subject: Māori party Instagram page - no promoter statement

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Kia Ora Dean,

My understanding is that we have now updated to "Authorised by Rawiri Waititi"

Please confirm that this is now all good.

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Secretary

Te Pāti Māori

M [REDACTED]

Ella [REDACTED]

To: Karl Le Quesne
Subject: RE: Complaint about van signwriting and Waipareira website content

From: Karl Le Quesne <[REDACTED]@elections.govt.nz>
Sent: Tuesday, August 22, 2023 5:12 PM
To: Kristina Temel <[REDACTED]@elections.govt.nz>; Benjamin [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@elections.govt.nz>
Subject: RE: Complaint about van signwriting and Waipareira website content

Thanks both.

I agree as explained below, they are not party advertisements. That is consistent with our conclusions on other recent matters brought to our attention.

Karl

From: Kristina Temel <[REDACTED]@elections.govt.nz>
Sent: Tuesday, August 22, 2023 4:44 PM
To: Karl Le Quesne <[REDACTED]@elections.govt.nz>
Cc: Benjamin [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@elections.govt.nz>
Subject: Complaint about van signwriting and Waipareira website content

Kia ora Karl,

We have received the following response from Lance Norman re the van and website. See below.

Website

The website image promotes "Proud to be Māori". The Proud to be Māori initiative was launched in April 2021 by the Waipareira Trust to highlight pride in being Māori, to celebrate and instil pride in Maori identity, whakapapa and tikanga, to celebrate who Māori are, what Maori can aspire to. 'You're magic' is the song. It is a Dave Para composed waiata. The website does not have audio. [Proud To Be Māori | Scoop News](#)

The Trust website features the song for that campaign. It features Rawiri Waititi's image but does not include his name or the fact that he is the co-leader of Te Pāti Maori. The song is available here ["Proud to be Maori" campaign nz - Google Search](#).

The Van

The van imagery is part of the fightforyourwhakapapa.co.nz Maori led initiative created by Whanau Ora to encourage covid vaccination. The campaign which launched in September 2021 included posters, social posts and campaign videos. The images on the van are of a range of Maori leaders. From left to right:

- Tegan Kiri Yorwarth, MAI FM broadcaster
- Jenny-May Clarkson, former netball international, sports commentator and tv presenter
- Kawariki Morgan, Ngā Tumanako, Kapa haka tutor and member
- Maria-Pare Te Whiu, Director Reo Tikanga Waipareira Trust Whaia
- Rawiri Waititi
- Erehana Taumanu.

This originally came in as a complaint. We need to form a view on whether or not the website and or the van are an election advertisement to determine if there is a breach of the requirement to include a promoter statement. Considering the overall effect of the website and the van signage, the content and the context of the vehicle sign writing and website, the absence of his name and reference to his candidacy, lack of party branding, the timing of publication, and the broader campaigns these are part of, in my view they are not election advertisements.

If you agree, we can draft a response to the complainant and to Lance.

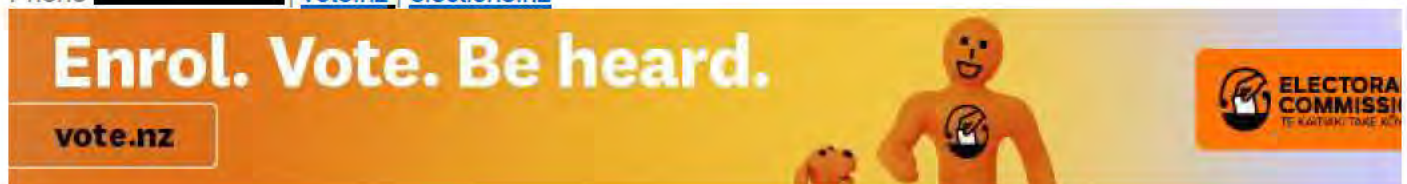
Ngā mihi

Kristina

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From: Secretary Te Pati Māori <secretary@maoriparty.org.nz>

Sent: Friday, August 18, 2023 2:13 PM

To: Kristina Temel <[REDACTED]@elections.govt.nz>

Cc: John Tamihere <[REDACTED]@waiwhanau.com>

Subject: Complaint about van signwriting and Waipareira website content

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Kia Ora Kristina,

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In relation to the complaint, both the van and the website and website content are separate to Te Pāti Māori

Please contact me if you have any queries.

Ngā Mihi

Lance Norman

Secretary

Te Pāti Māori

Moblie: [REDACTED]

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From: **Kristina Temel** <[REDACTED]@elections.govt.nz>

Date: Thu, 17 Aug 2023 at 08:30

Subject: Complaint about van signwriting and Waipareira website content

To: Lance Norman <secretary@maoriparty.org.nz>

Kia ora Lance,

I am getting in touch in relation to some sign-written vans and website content that the Electoral Commission has received a complaint about. Both feature Rawiri Waititi.

The attached images and video from the website have been provided by the complainant.



The complainant is of the view that these are party advertisements because Rawiri Waititi is the party co-leader and features in both.

Any information you can provide to assist us forming a view and responding to the complainant would be very helpful, including:

- any comments you want to make on whether you consider these to be party advertisements,
- how long the van signage and website images have been used and who else is featured on the van,
- any content on the other sides of the van, and
- whether the website or van include a promoter statement and have been authorised by you as party secretary.

It would be helpful if you could respond by 5pm Friday 25 August 2023.

Ngā mihi

Kristina Temel

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Ella [REDACTED]

To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: [Enquiry Subject] Complaint against Waipareira Trust/John Tamihere/Te Pāti Māori

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Saturday, August 26, 2023 11:08 AM
To: Benjamin [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@elections.govt.nz>
Subject: RE: [Enquiry Subject] Complaint against Waipareira Trust/John Tamihere/Te Pāti Māori

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Morning, Benjamin,

Thanks for the detailed reply.

I'm obviously very disappointed by this outcome. The corruption of taxpayer money out of the Waipareira Trust, and use for political gain, should not be tolerated.

The DIA/Charities Commission are still obviously looking into the more financial matters.

Kind regards
[REDACTED]

From: Benjamin [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, August 23, 2023 10:24 AM
To: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Subject: RE: [Enquiry Subject] Complaint against Waipareira Trust/John Tamihere/Te Pāti Māori

Kia ora [REDACTED]

We have written to the party secretary of Te Pāti Maori and received his explanation regarding the website content and the van sign-writing.

The website image promotes "Proud to be Māori". The Proud to be Māori initiative was launched in April 2021 by the Waipareira Trust to highlight pride in Maori identity, whakapapa and tikanga. [Proud To Be Māori | Scoop News](#)

The website features Rawiri Waititi's image but does not include his name or the fact that he is the co-leader of Te Pāti Maori.

The van imagery is part of the fightforyourwhakapapa.co.nz Maori led initiative created by Whanau Ora to encourage Covid-19 vaccination. The campaign which launched in September 2021 included posters, social posts and campaign videos. The images on the van are of a range of Maori leaders.

Considering the overall effect of the website and the van signage, the content and the context of the vehicle sign writing and website, the absence of his name and reference to Mr Waititi's candidacy, lack of party branding, the

timing of publication, and the broader campaigns these are part of, the Commission's view is that they are not election advertisements. Accordingly, the Commission will not be taking this matter further.

Thank you for raising this with us.

Ngā mihi

Benjamin [REDACTED] (he/him) | Senior Policy Advisor | Legal and Policy
Electoral Commission | Te Kaitiaki Take Kōwhiri
PO Box 3220 | Level 4, 34-42 Manners Street | Wellington
Work [REDACTED] | vote.nz | elections.nz



From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, August 16, 2023 8:50 PM
To: Benjamin [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@elections.govt.nz>
Subject: RE: [Enquiry Subject] Complaint against Waipareira Trust/John Tamihere/Te Pāti Māori

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Excellent, Benjamin! Thank you.

I look forward to the outcome.

Kind regards
[REDACTED]

From: Benjamin [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@elections.govt.nz>
Sent: Monday, August 14, 2023 12:20 PM
To: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Subject: RE: [Enquiry Subject] Complaint against Waipareira Trust/John Tamihere/Te Pāti Māori

Kia ora [REDACTED]

Apologies as I missed the image of the van, and we are taking a closer look at that. We will look into the matter to determine whether the van in totality could constitute election advertising, depending on the rest of the sign-writing, and whether it features a promoter statement. We will let you know of the outcome in relation the website and vans.

Regarding disclosure of donations and loans, you can view these here [Donations exceeding \\$30,000 | Elections](#). You will see some substantial disclosures in 2021 where the donor was Mr Tamihere, which may relate to those you are asking about. Note this will not relate to mayoral campaigns, as the Commission does not run or regulate local elections.

Ngā mihi

Benjamin [REDACTED] (he/him) | Senior Policy Advisor | Legal and Policy
Electoral Commission | Te Kaitiaki Take Kōwhiri



From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, August 10, 2023 7:59 PM
To: Benjamin [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Subject: RE: [Enquiry Subject] Complaint against Waipareira Trust/John Tamihere/Te Pāti Māori

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Evening, Benjamin,

Thanks for the quick reply!

It's probably easiest if I reply to each of your points below in [blue](#).

Cheers
[REDACTED]

From: Benjamin [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@elections.govt.nz>
Sent: Wednesday, August 9, 2023 10:34 AM
To: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Subject: RE: [Enquiry Subject] Complaint against Waipareira Trust/John Tamihere/Te Pāti Māori

Kia ora [REDACTED]

Thanks for getting in touch about this. I will address your points below.

The brief depiction of a candidate on a website is unlikely to constitute an election advertisement under the definitions in the Electoral Act 1993. You may wish to submit other material to us if you feel it has promotional content in relation to a party or candidate, that could reasonably be regarded as encouraging voters to vote for them.

This is not a brief depiction:

1. It's on their homepage – the most visited web page and usually the first page people visit
2. The video occupies your entire screen no matter your device
3. The video is 9 seconds and loops. Rawhiri comes on at just 1 second, in 2nd place, and is on for 4 seconds – the longest of anyone and occupies 44% of the screen time. (video attached)

For the three points above, this absolutely is an advertisement that promotes Rawiri Waititi, Co-Leader of Te Pāti Māori, therefore, the party too, and any reasonable person would reasonably regard this as an endorsement and encouragement to vote for him/them.

Imagine the Mental Health Foundation promoting Chris Luxon in this way. This is no different.

I know the usual strategy from Government Departments is to try to first brush aside complaints like mine, as they

take time, money, and energy to pursue, but this example falls foul of our charity and electoral laws, so I look forward to you addressing this through your usual process, please.

In relation to the Mercedes vehicles with sign-writing, we would need to see an image to determine if this constitutes election advertising. Election advertising is permitted, however, except for on election day and provided rules are followed (such as including promoter statements). The Electoral Commission does not have any responsibility for charities regulation so I cannot comment on that side of the issue. You may wish to raise those matters with another agency.

I provided the image below. Did this not come through at your end? Rawiri is 2nd from the right in case you missed it. And there's many of these vehicles with signwriting on both sides too.

Like the website, this is again very prominent advocacy and advertising of a politician and political party. Again, imagine the Mental Health Foundation driving around in multiple vehicles with multiple images of Chris Luxon. This is, again, no different, so, should be treated exactly the same.

The value of these advertisements needs to count towards the spending limit within the election 3-month window too, right?



If any loans which you mention are in fact made to a party or candidate then the loan will need to be disclosed to the Electoral Commission in annual returns, subject to the detail set out in the Act. If loans are to another entity and not party or candidate loans then the Electoral Commission does not regulate this.

Did John's ~\$300k loan to Te Pāti Māori (that came from the Waipareira Trust) get disclosed in this way?

I'm pretty sure it's illegal for entities to give interest-free loans to Directors, of course, otherwise companies would be paying for mortgages all over the place.

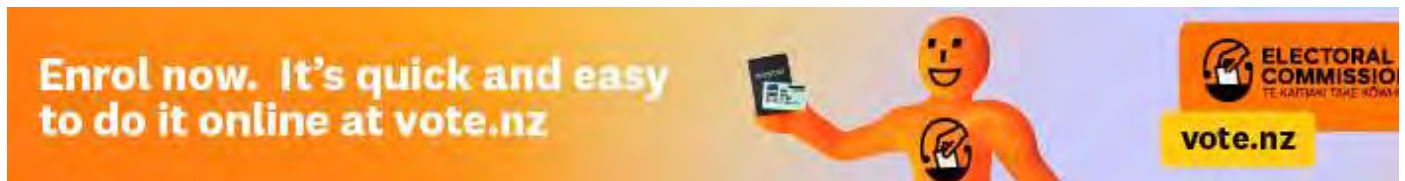
The Charities Commission is obviously looking into all of these issues as well, but I look forward to hearing how the Electoral Commission is going to respond to these breaches of the Electoral Act.

Kind regards

I hope this is helpful

Ngā mihi

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Electoral Commission | Te Kaitiaki Take Kōwhiri
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Date: Tue, Aug 8, 2023 at 10:59 am

Morning, Electoral Commission,

I have just read the [Herald's lead story](#) on this Waipareira Trust/John Tamihere/Te Pāti Māori corruption scandal, and would like to add to that complaint, please.

1. Beyond the financial loans and interest, the Waipareira Trust is a digital and moving billboard for Rawiri Waititi and Te Pāti Māori using charitable community trust funds. See photos below.
 1. The second image after just 1 second on <https://www.waipareira.com/> is of Rawiri Waititi. This breaks charity and electoral laws.
 2. Sitting in the carparks at [2 Catherine Street](#), Henderson (behind the mall), are at least half a dozen \$100k+ Mercedes Super Sprinter long wheel-base, all also sign-written with Rawiri Waititi's face. This also breaks charity and electoral laws. Prices attached, as I was looking at these for a tourism client a few months back.
 3. There is likely other marketing material carrying images and words from Te Pāti Māori MPs too.

For context, I only found out about this as I tried to park there to get supplies for my daughter from the Baby Factory, like I used to, but was yelled at by a woman running out of the building (not the woman in the photo) despite it being the end of the day and 90%+ of the carparks being empty.

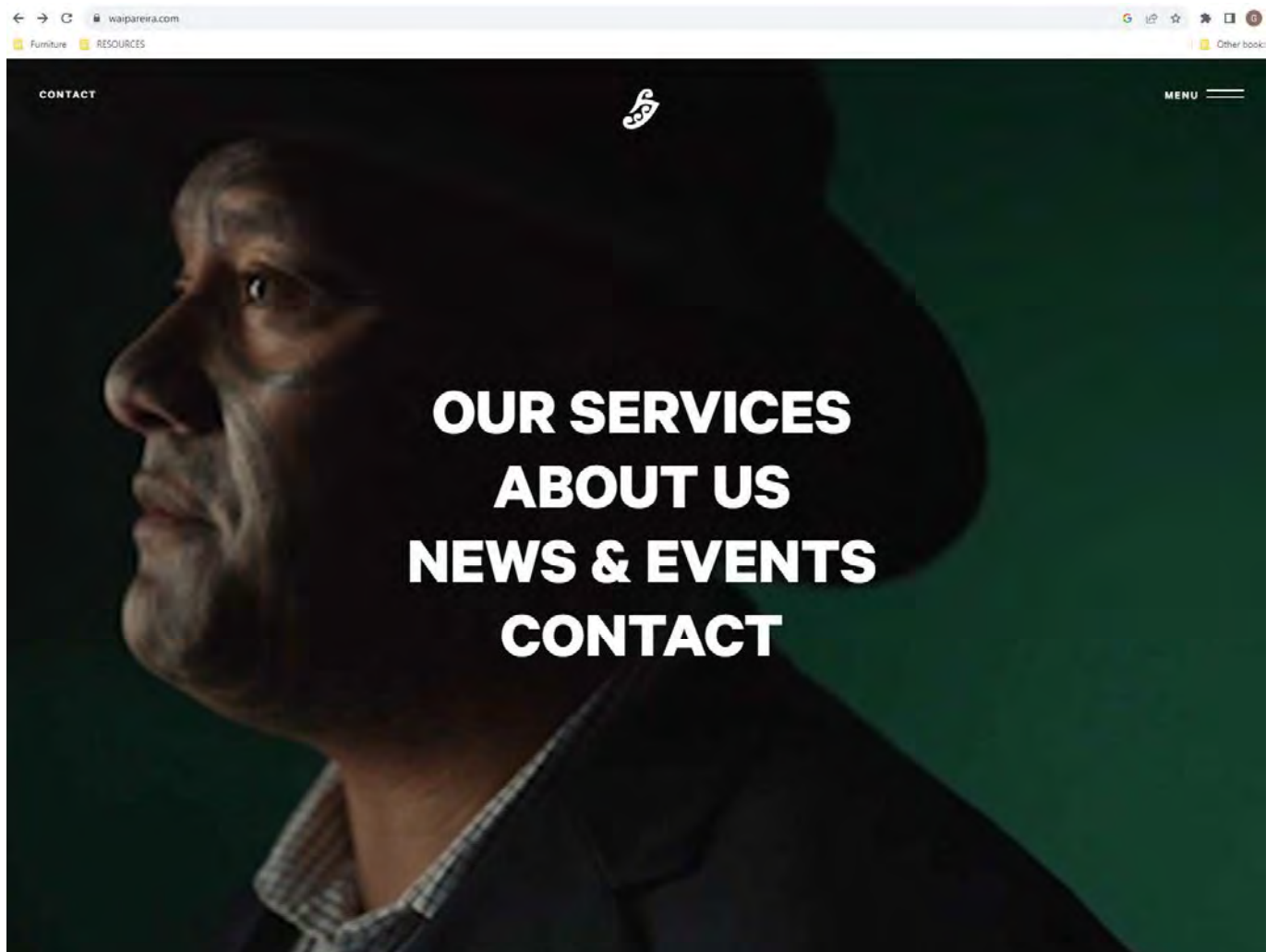
1. I've heard from a pretty reliable source that John Tamihere has a flash new Rolls Royce with a very showy personalised plate (I can't remember what it was, but something like "Maori 1" rings a bell). Not a great look for a 'charitable man' under fire for his finances. You will obviously want to look into such purchases to make sure they were made from personal fairly-earnt personal income, and not from the charitable trust.
2. I'm pretty sure that it is illegal for an entity to give a shareholder/staff member/director an interest-free loan. The IRD will know. See <https://www.ird.govt.nz/employing-staff/paying-staff/fringe-benefit-tax/types-of-fringe-benefits/employer-provided-low-interest-loans>.
1. A related watch-out, of course, is that they do shift the loan to commercial terms going forward, but not on commercial market rates. This also breaks IRD rules.

So much for them being a charity or putting our West Auckland community first. So much for "trust" too.

Thank you for investigating this issue.

Kind regards

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M. [Redacted] | [LinkedIn](#)



Ella [REDACTED]

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We will advise the complainant of this and that no further action will be taken in respect of these matters.

Ngā mihi

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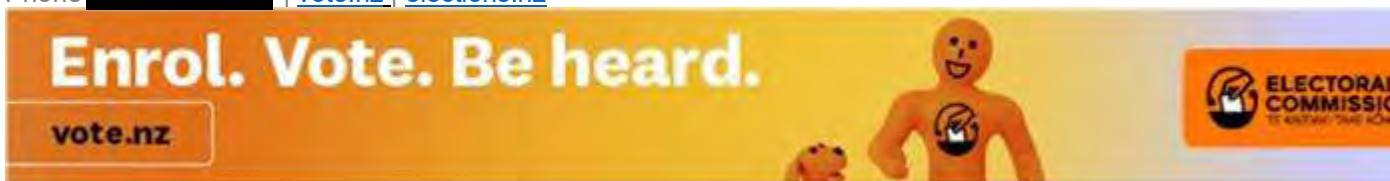
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From: [Dean \[REDACTED\]](#)
To: [Karl Le Quesne](#)
Subject: FW: [Enquiry Subject] Election advertising enquiry from [REDACTED]
Date: Monday, 13 November 2023 11:36:39 am

Kia ora Karl,

The emails with [REDACTED] are below and her original complaint is at the bottom.

Cheers
Dean

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, October 10, 2023 10:19 AM
To: L & P Enquiries <[REDACTED]@Elections.govt.nz>
Subject: RE: [Enquiry Subject] Election advertising enquiry from [REDACTED]

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Thanks Dean, we really appreciated that.

Cheers
[REDACTED]

Sent from my Galaxy

----- Original message -----

From: L & P Enquiries <[REDACTED]@Elections.govt.nz>
Date: 10/10/23 9:56 am (GMT+12:00)
To: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Subject: RE: [Enquiry Subject] Election advertising enquiry from [REDACTED]

Kia ora [REDACTED],

We are looking in the matter and will be liaising with our Voting Services Team and the Manurewa electorate manager.

Ngā mihi

Dean [REDACTED] | **Senior Advisor Legal** | **Electoral Commission** | Te Kaitiaki Take Kōwhiri
PO Box 3220 | Level 10, 34-42 Manners Street | Wellington
Phone [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] ([REDACTED]).

It was CC'd to:

From: [REDACTED]

Date: Mon, Oct 9, 2023 at 9:32 pm

Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

From site: elections.nz

Subject: Election advertising

Type: Complaint

Message:

I would like to make a complaint about the Te Parti Maori offering treats to those voters who go to Manurewa Marae to cast their vote this week. There is also a Tik Tok advertisement promising hangi for those who vote, with a photo of Takutai Moana Natasha Kemp, the Te Parti Maori candidate for Tamaki Makaurau. Please see the evidence below. I look forward to hearing from you.

From: [Dean \[REDACTED\]](#)
To: [Karl Le Quesne](#)
Subject: Manurewa Marae - Freedoms NZ and [REDACTED] complaints
Date: Monday, 13 November 2023 11:21:48 am
Attachments: [RE Formal Complaint.msg](#)
[image001.png](#)

Kia ora Karl,

Jenny Marshall, Freedoms NZ: [REDACTED]. We received Jenny's email on 11 October and we responded on 12 October (see attached email).

[REDACTED], [REDACTED]: [REDACTED].

We received [REDACTED] complaint on 9 October (late evening) and I acknowledged her complaint on 10 October. However, due to an oversight I did not advise [REDACTED] of the outcome (it may have been that I considered them part of the same umbrella so was remiss in sending them both the outcome email).

We do cite [REDACTED] complaint in our response to Freedoms and concluded by saying:

On 9 October, the Commission received a complaint from [REDACTED] regarding a social media post by an individual which linked voting for Te Pati Māori to receiving kai at the Manurewa Marae. The Electorate Manager contacted the Marae again. The Marae confirmed again that they are providing kai to anyone who comes to the voting place, and this is not conditional on whether they have voted or not and not linked to voting for any particular party.

Based on the information we have gathered and the assurances from the Manurewa Marae, we will not be taking the matter further.

Lert me know if you need anything further.

Ngā mihi

Dean [REDACTED] | Senior Advisor Legal | Electoral Commission | Te Kaitiaki Take Kōwhiri
PO Box 3220 | Level 10, 34-42 Manners Street | Wellington
Phone [REDACTED] |



From: [L & P Enquiries](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Manurewa Marae
Date: Thursday, 23 November 2023 4:20:00 pm
Attachments: [image002.jpg](#)
[image003.png](#)

Kia ora [REDACTED],

Thank you for your email of 13 November 2023.

The Manurewa Marae was identified along with other local marae including Papakura, Ruapōtaka, and Ōrākei Marae as a potential venue that members of the surrounding community would readily vote in. It was noted that it had recently offered COVID-19 vaccinations and opportunities to participate in the Census. It is used by the Ministry of Social Development to promote employment opportunities. It is also used as a community hub by virtue of its medical services and food bank.

The marae was advertised as a voting place issuing votes for the Manurewa general electorate and the Tāmaki Makaurau Māori electorate and like all voting places, it also issued special votes for all general and Māori electorates across the country.

We were aware of the candidate's involvement at the marae. Prior to agreeing to use the venue we agreed that the candidate would not enter the voting place other than to vote herself. We were provided an alternative designated contact person that we made the arrangements with. We also ensured that the marae personnel were aware of the rules regarding election advertising. Electoral Commission staff made sure that the 10 metre advance voting place buffer zone and the election day rules were strictly being observed with respect to the voting place.

The Electoral Commission was responsible for appointing and training the voting place staff. We set clear expectations that they must work in a way that supports a free and fair election. We have a code of conduct that sets that out, including being politically neutral.

On 3 October, we were first made aware of a social media post by the Manurewa Marae promoting a free hangi after people voted. The Electorate Manager contacted the marae contact person, on 4 October, to make it clear that the hangi (or any other incentive) cannot be tied to having voted but should be available to everyone whether they have voted or not. They were asked to amend their posts to reflect this. We received confirmation from our contact at the marae that they were providing kai to anyone who came to the voting place, and this was not conditional on whether or not they had voted. When the Electoral Commission's Acting Chair and Deputy Chief Executive Operations visited the marae on 5 October 2023, this is what they also observed.

On 9 October, we received your complaint, that was also copied to Police, regarding a social media post by an individual which linked voting for Te Pāti Māori to receiving kai at the Manurewa Marae. The Electorate Manager contacted the marae again to check. The marae confirmed again that they were providing kai to anyone who came to the marae, and this was not conditional on whether they had voted or not and not linked to voting for any particular party.

Under [section 217](#) of the Electoral Act, anyone who gives or provides food, drink, entertainment or provision is liable for prosecution for the corrupt practice of treating, if done "for the purpose of corruptly" influencing that person to, generally put, alter their voting behaviour or procure the defendant's election.

Although the ambit is broad, the threshold for establishing treating is also high - a corrupt intention is required. The Courts have previously held that the offence of "treating" requires an intention on the part of the person treating to influence the votes of the persons treated.

In this case, it appears that the marae was publicly offering kai and entertainment alongside a whole range of organised marae activities including whanau day, kapa haka day, health checks, employment expo, and the Electoral Commission's voting place.

It appears that food was being made generally available without reference to voting or voting for Te Pāti Māori or its candidate. Nor was it being accompanied by the giving out of campaign material. There did not appear to be any overt campaigning associated with the manaakitanga.

Based on the information we have, we do not consider that this would meet the high test for treating and would not refer the matter to Police.

Thank you for your further follow-up.

Ngā mihi

Kristina Temel
Electoral Commission

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, November 13, 2023 6:30 PM
To: Dean [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@elections.govt.nz>
Cc: Karl Le Quesne <[REDACTED]@elections.govt.nz>; Kristina Temel <[REDACTED]@elections.govt.nz>
Subject: Re: [Enquiry Subject] Election advertising enquiry from [REDACTED]

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Hi Dean,

Thank you for getting back to me, I understand you have been very busy.

However, on behalf of the Management of [REDACTED];

- I don't understand how the choice of Manurewa Marae as a voting place for this election can be justified when the CEO of the Marae was to be a candidate for the Maori Party. Would [REDACTED] be able to do that? I think not.
- If the evidence submitted to the Commission does not constitute Treating, then what does?
- What is the point of having rules if threshold for breaching those rules is so high that they are rendered superfluous, and make a mockery of our democratic system.

There is ample proof that the Maori Party have used some unscrupulous methods to contest this election. Therefore, we are depending on the Commission to uphold the integrity of our electoral system by conducting a vigorous investigation into their conduct.

Kind Regards

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]



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From: Dean [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@elections.govt.nz>
Sent: Monday, 13 November 2023 12:28 pm
To: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Cc: Karl Le Quesne <[REDACTED]@elections.govt.nz>; Kristina Temel <[REDACTED]@elections.govt.nz>
Subject: RE: [Enquiry Subject] Election advertising enquiry from [REDACTED]

Kia ora [REDACTED],

Further to your telephone conversation with Karl today, I would like to apologise for not advising you of the outcome of your complaint – this was an administrative oversight by me. The email that should have sent to you is copied below.

Ngā mihi

Dean [REDACTED] | Senior Advisor Legal | Electoral Commission | Te Kaitiaki Take Kōwhiri

PO Box 3220 | Level 10, 34-42 Manners Street | Wellington

Phone [REDACTED] |



Treating – Manurewa Marae

The Electoral Commission works to make voting accessible to all communities and to increasing participation within communities that have lower rates of engagement in the electoral process. In selecting voting places, it engages with people in different locations, particularly where voter turnout is low, to understand which potential venues will work for different communities. Following this, a formal assessment is done of each site to ensure it meets the Commission's requirements.

The Manurewa Marae was identified as a potential venue that members of the surrounding community would readily vote in. It was noted that it had recently offered COVID-19 vaccinations, food support and opportunities to participate in the Census. In our discussions with the marae, it was mentioned that they might provide kai and or activities to create a family friendly environment around the voting place. We were clear that the opportunity to receive kai or participate in the activities must be available to anyone coming to the marae and cannot be dependent on people voting. It is not uncommon for a schools or other community organisations to host activities around voting places on this basis.

On 3 October, we were first made aware that the Manurewa Marae was making an association, via a social media post, between voting at the marae and receiving a free hangi. The Electorate Manager contacted the marae management, on the same day, to make it clear that the hangi (or any other incentive) cannot be tied to having voted but should be available to everyone whether they have voted or not. They were asked to amend their posts to reflect this. We received confirmation from our contact at the marae that they are providing kai to anyone who comes to the voting place, and this is not conditional on whether they have voted or not.

On 9 October, the Commission received [REDACTED] complaint regarding a social media post by an individual which linked voting for Te Pati Māori to receiving kai at the Manurewa Marae. The Electorate Manager contacted the Marae again. The Marae confirmed again that they are providing kai to anyone who comes to the voting place, and this is not conditional on whether they have voted or not and not linked to voting for any particular party.

Based on the information we have gathered and the assurances from the Manurewa Marae, we will not be taking the matter further.

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, October 10, 2023 10:19 AM
To: L & P Enquiries <[REDACTED]@Elections.govt.nz>
Subject: RE: [Enquiry Subject] Election advertising enquiry from [REDACTED]

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Thanks Dean, we really appreciated that.

Cheers

[REDACTED]

Sent from my Galaxy

----- Original message -----

From: L & P Enquiries <[REDACTED]@Elections.govt.nz>

Date: 10/10/23 9:56 am (GMT+12:00)

To: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>

Subject: RE: [Enquiry Subject] Election advertising enquiry from [REDACTED]

Kia ora [REDACTED],

We are looking in the matter and will be liaising with our Voting Services Team and the Manurewa electorate manager.

Ngā mihi

Dean [REDACTED] | Senior Advisor Legal | Electoral Commission | Te Kaitiaki Take Kōwhiri

PO Box 3220 | Level 10, 34-42 Manners Street | Wellington

Phone [REDACTED] |

[REDACTED] ([REDACTED]).

It was CC'd to:

From: [REDACTED]

Date: Mon, Oct 9, 2023 at 9:32 pm

Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

From site: elections.nz

Subject: Election advertising

Type: Complaint

Message:

I would like to make a complaint about the Te Parti Maori offering treats to those voters who go to Manurewa Marae to cast their vote this week. There is also a Tik Tok advertisement promising hangi for those who vote, with a photo of Takutai Moana Natasha Kemp, the Te Parti Maori candidate for Tamaki Makaurau. Please see the evidence below. I look forward to hearing from you.

From: [Natalie \[REDACTED\]](#)
To: [Shane Whitfield](#)
Cc: [Dean \[REDACTED\]](#)
Subject: RE: Manurewa Marae
Date: Friday, 10 November 2023 6:05:20 pm
Attachments: [Enquiry Subject Voting enquiry from \[REDACTED\].msg](#)
[image001.png](#)
[Enquiry Subject Voting enquiry from Anon.msg](#)
[RE Complaint Manurewa Marae.msg](#)
[FW Manurewa Marae - Free Kai .msg](#)
[RE Formal Complaint.msg](#)
[Complaint Manurewa marae.msg](#)
[RE Further information and a request regarding Tamaki Makaurau.msg](#)
[Manurewa Marae.pdf](#)

Kia ora Shane

I just wanted to let you know we have received the two further complaints over the last 24 hours regarding activity at marae (the first two attachments). The second is anonymous and relates to a different marae, which you may want to look at if this was also a voting place. Please note at this stage no acknowledgment has been sent to the complaint from [REDACTED]. It may be they can receive a similar response to the response sent to Freedoms NZ and [REDACTED], which our team can assist with drafting if Karl is happy with that approach (he and Martin were sent a copy of that complaint yesterday).

I've also attached complaints and the responses from [REDACTED], Freedoms NZ and [REDACTED], and the letter sent to [REDACTED] yesterday.

I'll be up in Auckland early next week so please reach out to Dean if you need anything else from our team.

Natalie

From: Shane Whitfield <[REDACTED]@elections.govt.nz>
Sent: Friday, November 10, 2023 4:16 PM
To: Dean [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@elections.govt.nz>; Natalie [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@elections.govt.nz>; Georgia [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@elections.govt.nz>; Jeremy Kannemeyer <[REDACTED]@elections.govt.nz>; Angel Vargas <[REDACTED]@elections.govt.nz>; Suzanne Knight-Tinirau <[REDACTED]@elections.govt.nz>; Clare [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@elections.govt.nz>; Martin Rodgers <[REDACTED]@elections.govt.nz>; Karen [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@elections.govt.nz>; Erin [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@elections.govt.nz>
Cc: Anusha Guler <[REDACTED]@elections.govt.nz>
Subject: Manurewa Marae

Kia ora koutou – I'm reaching out to let you know Anusha has asked me to pull together a timeline and overview of the activity around establishing and using Manurewa Marae as a VP. The purpose for this exercise is to pull all of the information into one place and have an easy to use summation/timeline of all the moving parts involved.

I will reach out in due course to meet up with you, I know a lot of info has already been pulled together so I will endeavour to keep this as unintrusive as possible and avoid repetition.

As a starting point can I please be forwarded all the various correspondence regarding Manurewa

dating back to when we first connected with them re GE23. I have been asked to turn this around as quickly as possible so I'd greatly appreciate your support in getting this content through as soon as practicable.

Have a good weekend!

Shane

Shane Whitfield (he/him) | Director - Strategic Engagement & Partnerships | **Electoral Commission**

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From: [Kristina Temel](#)
To: [Karl Le Quesne](#)
Cc: [Dean \[REDACTED\]](#)
Subject: Treating analysis and factors table
Date: Tuesday, 28 November 2023 9:00:47 am
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
[image002.png](#)

Hi Karl,

This is the table I have created with information we have re Manurewa Marae and treating analysis.

 [treating analysis.docx](#)

Happy to discuss.

Ngā mihi

Kristina

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Treating analysis

Owing to the serious implications of finding persons liable for treating, as well as possible consequences for those who have accepted the 'treat', before deciding whether to refer either of these incidents to the Police the Electoral Commission must consider what the offence of treating requires and whether there is reasonable cause for a referral in any particular case.

Section 217 of the Electoral Act 1993 provides any person is guilty of a corrupt practice who commits the offence of treating.

Corrupt practices have been described as deliberate acts to influence an election outcome through wrongful means. They are deemed to pose a serious threat to an election's function as a means of determining the true preferences of the electors, and which thereby undermine the basic integrity of the electoral system.¹ Corrupt practices offences are punishable by up to two years imprisonment or a maximum fine of \$100,000 in the case of a constituency candidate, party secretary or registered promoter, or \$40,000 in any other case.²

Section 217 provides:

"Treating

- (1) Every person is guilty of a corrupt practice who commits the offence of treating.
- (2) Every person commits the offence of treating who corruptly, by himself or herself or by any other person on his or her behalf, either before, during, or after an election, directly or indirectly gives or provides, or pays wholly or in part the expense of giving or providing, any food, drink, entertainment, or provision to or for any person—
 - (a) for the purpose of corruptly influencing that person or any other person to vote or refrain from voting; or
 - (b) for the purpose of procuring himself or herself to be elected; or
 - (c) on account of that person or any other person having voted or refrained from voting, or being about to vote or refrain from voting.
- (3) Every person commits the offence of treating who, being the holder of a licence for the sale by retail of alcohol (within the meaning of section 5(1) of the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012), knowingly supplies any food, drink, entertainment, or provision—
 - (a) to any person where the supply thereof is demanded for the purpose of treating, or for any corrupt or illegal practice; or
 - (b) to any persons, whether electors or not, for the purpose of procuring the return of a candidate or candidates at an election, and without receiving payment for it at the time when it is supplied.

¹ Andrew Geddis *Electoral Law in New Zealand: Practice and Policy* (2nd ed, LexisNexis, Wellington, 2014) at 118-119.

² Electoral Act 1993, s 224(1).

- (4) Every elector who corruptly accepts or takes any such food, drink, entertainment, or provision also commits the offence of treating.
- (5) Notwithstanding anything in this section, the provision of a light supper after any election meeting shall be deemed not to constitute the offence of treating.”

The offence of treating does not have to be undertaken personally for liability for treating to be attributed to a particular person. Instead a person can be found liable for the provision of food, drink or entertainment made by an agent on their behalf provided they had knowledge that this activity was being undertaken.³

The threshold for finding that the offence of treating has been committed is very high. This is because of the provision in s 217 that giving of any food, drink or entertainment must be done “corruptly”, and where the provision is made for the purpose of influencing a person to vote or refrain from voting, such influence must be found to be corrupt.⁴

There is no definition of “corruptly” provided in the Act. Instead, whether or not the intentions and influence of the person are corrupt is a question of fact the Court must determine based on all of the circumstances of the particular case.⁵

A corrupt intention is an intention on the part of the person treating to influence the votes of the persons treated.⁶ In *Field v R*⁷ the Supreme Court cited with approval the definition of “corruptly” stated by Willes J in the 1858 House of Lords decision in *Cooper v Slade*:⁸

I think the word ‘corruptly’ in this statute means not ‘dishonestly’, but in purposely doing an act which the law forbids as tending to corrupt voters, whether it be to give pecuniary inducement to vote, or a reward for having voted in a particular manner. Both the giver and the receiver in such a case may be said to act “corruptly”. The word “corruptly” seems to be used as a designation of the act of rewarding a man for having voted in a particular way as being corrupt, rather than as part of the definition of the offence. I agree with what was said by the learned Judge at the trial, that if the moving cause of giving the money is the voter having voted for the particular candidate, such gift is contrary to the statute, as being given by way of reward for the vote, and therefore corrupt.”

Under this definition a person will be acting corruptly if they are providing food, drink or entertainment to someone with the intention of influencing or rewarding the voting behaviour of that person.

Where the person giving or making the provision has more than one motive for offering the provision then a starting point is to determine the dominant motive, and whether it reflects a corrupt intention.⁹ However, it is also possible that where there are multiple motives, if one, even if not dominant, is an

³ *Re Mitiaro Election Petition* [1979] 1 NZLR S1 at S8.

⁴ *In re the Wairau Election Petition* (1912) 31 NZLR 321 at 326-327.

⁵ *In re the Wairau Election Petition* (1912) 31 NZLR 321 at 326.

⁶ *In re the Wairau Election Petition* (1912) 31 NZLR 321 at 326.

⁷ *Field v R* [2012] 3 NZLR 1.

⁸ *Cooper v Slade* (1858) 6 HL Cas 746, 10 ER 1488.

⁹ *Re Mitiaro Election Petition* [1979] 1 NZLR S1 at S12.

ulterior motive, reflective of the necessary corrupt intention, the test for treating may still be made out.¹⁰

In *In re the Wairau Election Petition*¹¹ the Court set out certain factors which could be taken into consideration to determine whether the person making the provision had the necessary corrupt intention. These include:¹²

- 1.1 How open the actions of the person giving, providing or paying are. The more open and transparent such activities are the less likely the required corrupt intention will be present.
- 1.2 Whether people who are not voters were included in the invitation. The broader the range of people the provision is offered to the less likely a corrupt intention will be found.
- 1.3 Whether the persons receiving the food, drink, entertainment or other provision are deserving of it. Where there is an element of charity to the provision it may be harder to infer the required corrupt intention.
- 1.4 The proximity of the treating behaviour to an election. While it is possible for the offence of treating to occur at any time, not just during the election period, the closer the provision occurs to the election the more likely a corrupt intention may be found.
- 1.5 The number of times the ‘treating’ behaviour may have occurred.

Another factor relevant to whether treating has occurred is whether the recipients of the supposed treating were aware of any ulterior motive or obligation on how they must vote in exchange for those treats. In *The Wellington City Election Petition* the Court noted that if entertainment was provided to certain electors with a view to influencing voting, but there was no understanding or contract that the electors would vote in a certain way, those who provided the entertainment will not be guilty of treating.

In *re the Wairau Election Petition* the Court described a corrupt intention as an inference of fact which can be drawn if, based on all the circumstances, the reasonable and probable effect of the alleged treating would be to influence the result of the election, or to influence the votes of the individual voters.


Factor	Does this point towards or away from treating	Application to information available re Manurewa Marae
How open the actions of the person giving, providing or paying are.	The more open and transparent such activities are the less likely the required corrupt intention will be present.	The giving away of food and entertainment activities were openly advertised including on Facebook and available to the public at large. There was no attempt to conceal the fact. The invitation was to ‘whanau’ and to the community in general not just people who usually visit the marae. No attempts were being made to conceal that the food was being provided free

¹⁰ *Re Mitiaro Election Petition* [1979] 1 NZLR S1 at S12.

¹¹ *In re the Wairau Election Petition* (1912) 31 NZLR 321.

¹² *In re the Wairau Election Petition* (1912) 31 NZLR 321 at 326.

<p>Whether people who are not voters were included in the invitation.</p>	<p>The broader the range of people the provision is offered to the less likely a corrupt intention will be found.</p>	<p>The offer was to the community – whanau – not just voters. On 3 October, we were first made aware of a social media post by the Manurewa Marae promoting a free hangi after people voted. The Electorate Manager contacted the marae contact person, on 4 October, to make it clear that the hangi (or any other food or entertainment) cannot be tied to having voted but should be available to everyone whether they have voted or not. They were asked to amend their posts to reflect this. We received confirmation from our contact at the marae that they were providing kai to anyone who came to the voting place, and this was not conditional on whether or not they had voted. When the Electoral Commission’s Acting Chair and Deputy Chief Executive Operations visited the marae on 5 October 2023, this is what they also observed. There seemed to be people of all ages present in the videos on the marae Facebook page and no suggestion that it was only open to people aged 18 and over or enrolled in the Tāmaki Makaurau electorate.</p>
<p>Whether the persons receiving the food, drink, entertainment or other provision are deserving of it.</p>	<p>Where there is an element of charity to the provision it may be harder to infer the required corrupt intention.</p>	<p>The purported purpose was manaakitanga and encouraging people to participate. It was noted that it had recently offered COVID-19 vaccinations and opportunities to participate in the Census. It is used by the Ministry of Social Development to promote employment opportunities. It is also used as a community hub by virtue of its medical services and food bank.</p> <p>Early discussions with the marae, mentioned that they might provide kai and or activities to create a family friendly environment around the voting place. We were clear that the opportunity to receive kai or participate in the activities must be available to anyone coming to the marae and cannot be dependent on people voting. It is not uncommon for schools or other community organisations to host activities around voting places on this basis.</p>
<p>The proximity of the treating behaviour to an election.</p>	<p>While it is possible for the offence of treating to occur at any time, not just during the election period, the closer the provision occurs to the election the more</p>	<p>The provision was during the voting period so proximity to the election is made out.</p> <p>Although the provision has been alleged to be just during the voting period, the foodbank is always in operation and there appear to be a range of other community initiatives offered by the Marae in partnership with others accompanied by kai that</p>

	likely a corrupt intention may be found.	<p>have taken place since the election including the free event at vector Whitewater Park 12 Nov with aquatic sport and water safety activities</p>  <p>Manurewa Marae was live. 11 November at 08:26 · 🌐</p> <p>✨FREE WHĀNAU EVENT, HAPPENING TOMORROW ✨</p> <p>Manurewa Marae are proud to have partnered with Vector Wero Whitewater Park, Global Water Safety and Drowning Prevention Rotary Club and Manurewa Local Board to present WERO AQUATIC EXTRAVAGANZA 2023.</p> <p>A day of Aquatic Extravaganza fun. Held at the VECTOR WERO WHITEWATER PARK, Tomorrow from 9AM - 4PM.</p> <p>It's a FREE, FREE, FREE day for the entire whānau to come a long and experience aquatic sport and water safety along with participating in rafting, kayaking, paddleboarding and much more.</p> <p>Manurewa Marae Hauora team will be there doing health checks and immunisations, with our Manaakitanga team (May's coffee, Ngāti Foody Caterers, The Donut Waka, Lucy's Ice Cream and Hidden Treasures) who will be there selling their yummy kai/īnu.</p> <p>So come down and join us for a day full of greatness. Share with your whānau, friends and colleagues and we look forward to seeing you at this amazing day of Aquatic fun.</p> <p>#ManurewaMarae #WERO #Aquatic #Manaakitanga101</p>
The number of times the 'treating' behaviour may have occurred.		The provision was being made throughout the voting period and the scale of the activity was reasonably large e.g. there was reference to 1000 hangis being delivered on one day.
Presence of candidates and party officials and whether they engaged with attendees in political discussions		There does not seem to be sufficient evidence of this. In one Facebook live the host did say in response to a question who should you vote for. He initially said that's up to you but then did unfortunately go on to say that there is only one party that will sever Maori (although he did not say which one) but did add you don't want to vote for those others national or Act. However this was in an online post rather than connected with receiving food or other provision. It was also during the advance voting period so not a breach of the election day rules. We were aware of a candidate's involvement at the marae. Prior to agreeing to use the venue we agreed that the candidate would not enter the voting place other than to vote. We were provided an alternative designated contact person that we made the arrangements with. We also ensured that the marae personnel were aware of the rules regarding election advertising. Electoral Commission staff made sure that the 10 metre advance voting place buffer zone and the election day rules were strictly being observed with respect to the voting place. There did not appear to be any overt campaigning associated with the manaakitanga. There did not seem to be a

		candidate or party presence at the events and they did not address the attendees.
Another relevant factor, mentioned in <i>The Wellington City Election Petition</i> case, is whether the recipients of the kai etc were aware, or believed that by virtue of receiving food or entertainment that they were then under an obligation to vote in a particular way (i.e. for the Te Pāti Māori candidate)	<i>Wellington</i> suggests if there has been no understanding or contract that the electors will vote in a certain way in return for what has been given then the provider of the entertainment cannot be found guilty of treating. ¹³	There appears to be little evidence that attendees were being exposed to political messages and no evidence that those who received free food understood they were under any consequent obligation to vote in a particular way.

¹³ *The Wellington City Election Petition* (1897) 15 NZLR 454 at 454.

From: [Leigh Deuchars](#)
To: [Karl Le Quesne](#)
Subject: FW: Manurewa marae - principles for reviewing our practice around voting place selection
Date: Monday, 11 March 2024 10:13:27 am
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
[image003.png](#)

Hi

I discussed this with Anusha last week. She agreed with the assessment. Lets talk tomorrow about any other input/ format you might want to have put around this.

Cheers

Leigh

From: Leigh Deuchars

Sent: Thursday, March 7, 2024 4:45 PM

To: Martin Rodgers <[REDACTED]@elections.govt.nz>; Anusha Guler <[REDACTED]@elections.govt.nz>

Subject: Manurewa marae - principles for reviewing our practice around voting place selection

Kia ora

A while ago, Karl asked me to look through the material gathered around the complaints regarding the selection of Manurewa marae as a voting place and provide a bit of an 'independent assessment' of what the next steps should be.

It should be noted that this isn't a review of whether or not the decision was the right one or not. A number of steps were taken to ensure the decision was an appropriate one. But there are a few things I would recommend we put in place for all voting place assessments. I'm testing these thoughts with you in the first instance to see if you think I have missed anything.

My overall recommendation is that we review the criteria that we use to decide on voting places to ensure it adequately covers real or perceived conflict of interests and also provides direction for how people navigate these issues (or who to talk to if not sure). This applies to **all types** of voting places and political affiliations.

I think the final accountability for the selection of the voting places needs to be reinforced between the various teams- in this case Māori liaison, community engagement and voting services. That accountability should be reinforced during election planning. There are lots of perspectives and needs being juggled during selection, but it does need to be clear who is ultimately responsible and we should support them. Again- to reinforce that is for all types of voting places not just this specific example.

The person accountable is also accountable to ensure that an MOU is in place and signed. If not, the voting place is not used. There should be a clear pathway to escalate to seek support if needed (I know support is there, but we could be explicit recognising how challenging this can be) We should review the MOU to make sure it covers all important aspects, one of which is political neutrality but also health and safety, security etc.

I do think this can be built into our election design work and support for the field but if there is a by- election, a quick review will be needed before the voting places are selected.

Does this sound reasonable? As I said- it is what I glean from reading the material collated.

Happy to discuss

Leigh

Leigh Deuchars (she/ her) | Deputy Chief Executive Strategy, Governance and Development | **Electoral Commission** | **Te Kaitiaki Take Kōwhiri** [REDACTED]
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From: [Karl Le Quesne](#)
To: [Shane Whitfield](#)
Cc: [Kristina Temel](#); [Clare \[REDACTED\]](#); [Natalie \[REDACTED\]](#)
Subject: RE: Manurewa Marae, further questions
Date: Tuesday, 4 June 2024 4:32:38 pm
Attachments: [image003.png](#)
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Thanks Shane

Very helpful.

Can you also provide further information about the contracted Clinics such as which ones, which commissioning agency they worked to, total value, what they were contracted to provide and what they did? I'm anticipating we may get asked further questions, and I want to provide assurance to our Board as well.

Thanks

Karl

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Kia ora koutou

We have another enquiry from [REDACTED] on Manurewa Marae – see below. Kristina and Natalie, would you be able to help prepare a response please? We've been asked for a response by 4.30 today.

Thanks,

Clare

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I look forward to your response. My deadline is 4.30pm today.

Thanks,

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Date: Tuesday, 4 June 2024 4:46:29 pm
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Yes, 1st May this year.

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Is that 1 May this year or last year?

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Mōrena – info as requested:

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A national, privately owned, community health care provider that has health clinics in Northland, Auckland, Wellington, and Christchurch. Also have extensive networks with hapū and iwi across the country as well as a close connection to the Māori Council. More info can be found here: [Home \(whanauoracommunity.com\)](http://www.whanauoracommunity.com)

Funding

During the interview process they identified having had multiple successful government contracts (including MSD, ACC, Health NZ, Census, and Whānau Ora) and have a fee for service model. Founders (and current owners) also have multiple other business interests in NZ and Australia.

Contract

We ran an RFP via procurement which had multiple applicants that bid to work with Tangata Whenua, Pasifika, or Ethnic communities, we interviewed 3 applicants for Tangata Whenua and completed reference checks as well. Whanau Ora also bid for the contract(s) to provide engagement support to both Pasifika and Ethnic communities but were unsuccessful in those two. The value of the contract was \$100k and the terms are below:

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Outcomes: These will be measured through the number of engagements completed, completion of Commission evaluation tools, and meeting general reporting requirements.

- Educating people about the importance of enrolment and voting.
- Share information about the voting process, from enrolment to polling venues and important dates.
- Enrol voters early to increase future participation in voting and to make voting quicker and easier.

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Hope this helps,

Shane

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Thanks Shane

Very helpful.

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Cc: [Lola \[REDACTED\]](#); [Cardena \[REDACTED\]](#)
Subject: Re: Manurewa Marae - Use of Facilities as an Advance and Election Day Voting Place
Date: Sunday, 30 April 2023 7:07:42 am
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Ka pai happy to hui about this with you Angela. Cardena can you see if I have any free time in the dates below.

Aku mihi
Hilda
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On 29/04/2023, at 6:19 PM, Natasha Kemp
<[REDACTED]@manurewamarae.co.nz> wrote:

I'll leave this for Hilda

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From: Lola [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@manurewamarae.co.nz>
Sent: Saturday, April 29, 2023 6:17:52 PM
To: Natasha Kemp <[REDACTED]@manurewamarae.co.nz>; Hilda [REDACTED]
<[REDACTED]@manurewamarae.co.nz>
Subject: Fwd: Manurewa Marae - Use of Facilities as an Advance and Election Day Voting Place
For your information

Ngā mihi.

From: Angel Vargas <[REDACTED]@elections.govt.nz>
Sent: Saturday, April 29, 2023 3:41 PM
To: Lola [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@manurewamarae.co.nz>
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Kia ora

I am the Electorate Manager looking after Manurewa and Tamaki Makaurau Electorates. Your contact details were forwarded to me by Georgia [REDACTED]. I would like to set-up a meeting to discuss the details of using the Marae as a Voting Place for 2023 General Election. There is also a site assessment that I would need to complete, a procedure required by the Electoral Commission prior to confirming the use of a venue as a voting place.

I am available anytime after 12:30pm on Thursday (3rd May) or Friday (4th May).

Let me know the date and time that suits you best.

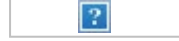
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Ngā mihi

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Subject: RE: Manurewa Marae - Use of Facilities as a Voting Place
Date: Wednesday, 6 September 2023 11:23:00 am
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Kia Ora Hilda

Just following up on email below, hoping that you have some names for me. We prefer people from the community to run the voting place at the Marae.

Recruitment will be closing in the next few days.

Ngā mihi

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Kia Ora Hilda

Attached are the position description of the different roles at the voting place – Voting Place Manager, Voting Assistant and Issuing Officers.

Applicants can send in their applications via this link [General Election 2023 - Manurewa Electorate - Electoral Commission \(elections.nz\)](#) (under the APPLY button at the bottom of the page).

We are now on the last stages of our recruitment for the advance voting teams. If they can submit their online application in the next day or two, that will be great. Kindly provide me a list of the names so I can keep an eye out for their application.

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Morena Angel,

Wonderful to finally meet you yesterday. As per our conversation just wanted to know some action points for us to complete as I know time is of the essence.

- Names to you regarding Kaimahi from the Marae (Hilda)
- Send JD (Angel)
- Send link for Kaimahi to apply (Angel)
- Send names of security (Hilda)
- Find a locked room in the Puna (Hilda)
- 16th September is training day

Aku mihi

Hilda [REDACTED]

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Ka pai e mihi Ana. We will see you next week Wednesday

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A meeting has been arranged by Cardena for next week, Wednesday – 30th August. I am looking forward to see you then.

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From: Angel Vargas

Sent: Wednesday, August 23, 2023 12:25 PM

To: Natasha Kemp <[REDACTED]@manurewamarae.co.nz>; Hilda [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@manurewamarae.co.nz>

Subject: RE: Manurewa Marae - Use of Facilities as a Voting Place

Kia Ora Takutai

The opening hours for voting places were identified based on historical data from previous elections and information received from site contact.

I could try to increase the opening hours for Thursday (5th Oct) and Friday (6th Oct) to 7:00pm. I will let you know soonest possible whether this can be done as the delivery of voting services has already been locked in.

The 2nd Friday will have to remain at 4:00pm to prepare for the count on election day. There are other places at Clendon Park that are open for the full two weeks of advance voting.

It would be really good to have a face-to-face meeting to thresh out some of the other details.

Ngā mihi

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From: Natasha Kemp <[REDACTED]@manurewamarae.co.nz>

Sent: Wednesday, August 23, 2023 11:15 AM

To: Hilda [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@manurewamarae.co.nz>; Angel Vargas <[REDACTED]@elections.govt.nz>

Subject: Re: Manurewa Marae - Use of Facilities as a Voting Place

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Kia ora a Angel,

I have just seen the operating hours. In this community it would be good to finish later in the evening eg 7pm as this will cater for working families. The idea is that our Marae is accessible to Whanganui of this community. Can you please confirm the extended hours.

Nga mihi,

Takutai

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From: Hilda [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@manurewamarae.co.nz>

Sent: Wednesday, August 23, 2023 11:10:39 AM

To: Natasha Kemp <[REDACTED]@manurewamarae.co.nz>

Subject: Fwd: Manurewa Marae - Use of Facilities as a Voting Place

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From: Hilda [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@manurewamarae.co.nz>

Sent: Tuesday, August 22, 2023 6:47:30 PM
To: Angel Vargas <[REDACTED]@elections.govt.nz>
Subject: Re: Manurewa Marae - Use of Facilities as a Voting Place

Kia Ora Angel,

Ka pai I will do this first thing in the morning and send it back to you.

Aku mihi

Hilda [REDACTED]

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From: Angel Vargas <[REDACTED]@elections.govt.nz>
Sent: Tuesday, August 22, 2023 6:40:01 PM
To: Hilda [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@manurewamarae.co.nz>
Subject: RE: Manurewa Marae - Use of Facilities as a Voting Place

Kia Ora Hilda

Attached is confirmation letter of the use of the Manurewa Marae as an Advance and Election Day Voting Place in the upcoming 2023 General Election.

We also have a standard Electoral Commission document, Licence to Occupy for Voting Place, that will need both of our signatures. Kindly complete and return to me please. Let me know if you have any questions about the document, happy to clarify.

Ngā mihi

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From: Cardena [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@manurewamarae.co.nz>
Sent: Tuesday, June 6, 2023 12:09 PM
To: Angel Vargas <[REDACTED]@elections.govt.nz>
Cc: Hilda [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@manurewamarae.co.nz>; Natasha Kemp <[REDACTED]@manurewamarae.co.nz>
Subject: RE: Manurewa Marae - Use of Facilities as an Advance and Election Day Voting Place

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Takutai and Hilda will be able to pick things up from here as we move closer to the election dates.

Nga Mihi,
Cardena

From: Angel Vargas <[REDACTED]@elections.govt.nz>
Sent: Friday, May 26, 2023 3:07 PM
To: Cardena [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@manurewamarae.co.nz>
Subject: Manurewa Marae - Use of Facilities as an Advance and Election Day Voting Place

Kia Ora Cardena

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to view the marae on 17th May to assess it as an advance and election day voting place. See my notes below:

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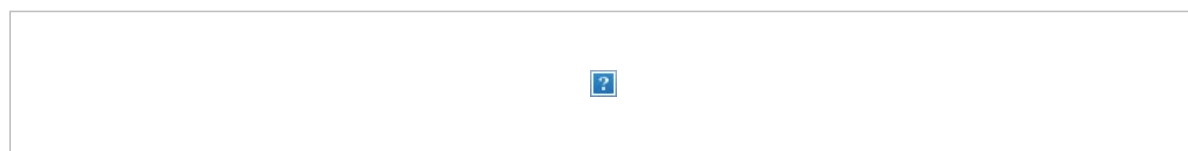
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Attached is our recruitment flyer to register interest to work and would appreciate if you can distribute it to your staff and their family/friends who might be interested (16+ can work with us). Recruitment for these roles will be available at the start of July.

Again, thank you for your time.

Ngā mihi

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Ella [REDACTED]

From: Angel Vargas
Sent: Wednesday, 16 August 2023 2:11 pm
To: 'Hilda [REDACTED]'
Cc: 'Natasha Kemp'
Subject: RE: Manurewa Marae - Use of Facilities as an Advance and Election Day Voting Place

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Kia Ora Hilda

I was at the Marae on 1st August for our meeting and saw Cardena by chance as she was leaving. She explained to me where the recommended alternative voting space is located.

As we get nearer to the election period, there are details that would have to be discussed further. I will send you a separate email on items that needs confirmation.

One of the more pressing matter that I would like to check is whether you know of a few people who are keen to work at the Marae as part of my voting team (team of 3 or 4 staff).

Also, if there's any other information on my earlier email dated 26/05/2023 that you want to revisit, please let me know.

Ngā mihi

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From: Hilda [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@manurewamarae.co.nz>
Sent: Monday, August 14, 2023 10:29 AM
To: Angel Vargas <[REDACTED]@elections.govt.nz>
Cc: Natasha Kemp <[REDACTED]@manurewamarae.co.nz>
Subject: RE: Manurewa Marae - Use of Facilities as an Advance and Election Day Voting Place

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Kia Ora Angel,

Not sure if you received an email from me regarding the marae and the new area we have planned to have the election booth. Would really love to catch up around this.

Aku mihi

Hilda [REDACTED]

From: Angel Vargas <[REDACTED]@elections.govt.nz>
Sent: Tuesday, August 1, 2023 8:43 AM
To: Hilda [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@manurewamarae.co.nz>
Subject: RE: Manurewa Marae - Use of Facilities as an Advance and Election Day Voting Place

Kia Ora Hilda

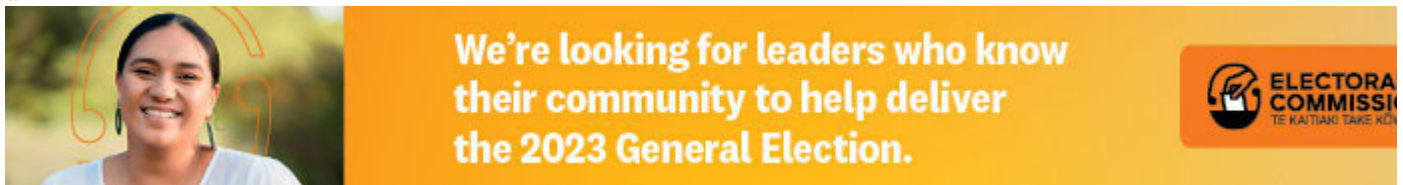
See you later at 1:30pm at the Manurewa Marae.

Ngā mihi

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From: Angel Vargas
Sent: Friday, July 28, 2023 3:22 PM
To: 'Hilda [REDACTED]' <[REDACTED]@manurewamarae.co.nz>; 'Natasha Kemp' <[REDACTED]@manurewamarae.co.nz>
Subject: RE: Manurewa Marae - Use of Facilities as an Advance and Election Day Voting Place

Kia Ora Hilda

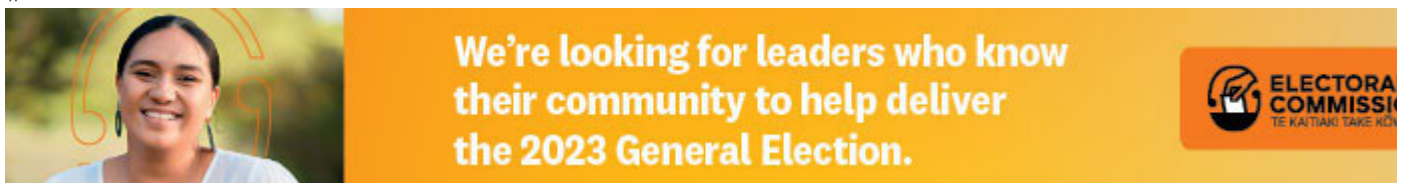
Just wanted to follow up if we are confirmed to meet-up on Tuesday, 1st August, at 1:30pm.

Ngā mihi

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Sent: Wednesday, July 26, 2023 2:30 PM
To: Hilda [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@manurewamarae.co.nz>; Natasha Kemp <[REDACTED]@manurewamarae.co.nz>
Subject: RE: Manurewa Marae - Use of Facilities as an Advance and Election Day Voting Place

Kia Ora Hilda

I was thinking of 1:30pm and yes, it will be good to go through the questions again.

Ngā mihi

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From: Hilda [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@manurewamarae.co.nz>

Sent: Wednesday, July 26, 2023 1:01 PM

To: Angel Vargas <[REDACTED]@elections.govt.nz>; Natasha Kemp <[REDACTED]@manurewamarae.co.nz>

Subject: RE: Manurewa Marae - Use of Facilities as an Advance and Election Day Voting Place

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Kia Ora Angel,

Tuesday next week should be fine. What time suits you??

Be good to go through all the questions again.

Aku mihi

Hilda [REDACTED]

From: Angel Vargas <[REDACTED]@elections.govt.nz>

Sent: Wednesday, July 26, 2023 12:50 PM

To: Natasha Kemp <[REDACTED]@manurewamarae.co.nz>; Hilda [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@manurewamarae.co.nz>

Subject: RE: Manurewa Marae - Use of Facilities as an Advance and Election Day Voting Place

Kia Ora Hilda and Natasha

Thanks for letting me know.

Would it be possible to meet up next week so I can view the alternative voting space?

We could also discuss other details such as use of Maori wardens during late night voting periods and whether there's an available small room for overnight storage. I have mentioned these to Cardena at my last visit.

I am available to meet up anytime on Tuesday, 1st August.

Ngā mihi

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Sent: Wednesday, July 26, 2023 9:58 AM
To: Hilda [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@manurewamarae.co.nz>; Angel Vargas <[REDACTED]@elections.govt.nz>
Subject: RE: Manurewa Marae - Use of Facilities as an Advance and Election Day Voting Place

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Kiaora Angel,

We have another whare for use of the election booth at our Puna.

Nga Mihi,

Takutai Moana Natasha Kemp
CEO
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M [REDACTED] E [REDACTED]@manurewamarae.co.nz
81 Finlayson Ave, Manurewa PO Box 88-161, Clendon, Manurewa
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From: Hilda [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@manurewamarae.co.nz>
Sent: Wednesday, 26 July 2023 9:44 AM
To: Angel Vargas <[REDACTED]@elections.govt.nz>
Cc: Natasha Kemp <[REDACTED]@manurewamarae.co.nz>
Subject: RE: Manurewa Marae - Use of Facilities as an Advance and Election Day Voting Place

Kia Ora Angel,

I would like to inform you that as of the 20th Aug 2023 the marae would be closed down due to rebuilding some of the structures of Maraei This will be a 6month project so we would love to catch up with you around what the electoral booths may look like here on our marae come October.

Aku mihi
Hilda [REDACTED]

From: Angel Vargas <[REDACTED]@elections.govt.nz>
Sent: Tuesday, June 6, 2023 4:43 PM
To: Hilda [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@manurewamarae.co.nz>
Cc: Natasha Kemp <[REDACTED]@manurewamarae.co.nz>
Subject: RE: Manurewa Marae - Use of Facilities as an Advance and Election Day Voting Place

Thanks Hilda

If there's any other detail on my earlier email to Cardena that you want to discuss further, please let me know. I look forward to receiving the names for the Maori wardens.

Ngā mihi

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Hourly rate for wardens would be a minimum of \$25 per hour

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On 6/06/2023, at 12:21 PM, Hilda [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@manurewamarae.co.nz> wrote:

Kia Ora

Yes we can provide māori wardens, I will follow up with names and send these through to you.

Aku mihi

Hilda [REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone

On 6/06/2023, at 12:08 PM, Cardena [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@manurewamarae.co.nz> wrote:

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Ella [REDACTED]

From: Karen [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, 9 November 2023 1:45 pm
To: Kristina Temel
Subject: Marae visit 5 Oct
Attachments: FINAL - Advance Voting Observation Visit GE 2023 .docx

Ngā mihi,

Karen

Karen [REDACTED] (she/her) EA to Karl Le Quesne, Chief Electoral Officer | [Electoral Commission](#) | Te Kaitiaki Take Kōwhiri
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Advance Voting Observation Visits General Election 2023

Prepared for the Chief Executive, Board members and Deputy Chief Executive Operations



Background:

The Board had a busy programme since June 2023 visiting voting places across all the regions. These visits provided insights into the operational and strategic planning to prepare and secure a voting place, understanding firsthand the challenges within an electorate and the region, creation of unique opportunities and knowing our partners who are working with the Commission. On top of that, these visits allowed the Board to connect with our Regional and Electorate Managers and take the time to understand their mahi and dedication preparing for the 2023 General Election.

To provide the CE and the Board with firsthand experience of what is happening on the ground within the election period, we would like to prepare a programme to visit voting places within the Advance Voting period. This will enable the CE and the Board to have context between the work and effort put in the preparation phase and experiencing how it works in the voting phase.

Purpose:

The purpose of the regional visits is to:

- Enable the Chief Executive and the Board to experience and observe 'live' voting places in action during the advance voting period.
- Provide valuable insights into the mechanics of a 'live' voting place.
- Connecting between the operational and strategic planning and 'live' voting place in action.

Assumptions

There are a number of assumptions:

- The visits are scheduled during the 1st and 2nd week of the advance voting period
- The 1st week will be Lower Hutt, outside of the Wellington region
- The 2nd week will be Dunedin, Christchurch, Wairarapa and within the Wellington region
- Five regions are selected:
 - Lower Hutt, Overseas voting
 - Auckland
 - Rotorua
 - Dunedin
 - Christchurch
 - Wellington
 - Wairarapa
- The Chief Executive and the Board will be accompanied by only the DCE (Deputy Chief Executive) Operations
- The Regional or Electorate Managers will not be hosting the CE but will be informed of the CE's schedule.

Schedule of Event:

Date	Location	When:	Key themes:
Lower Hutt - Wednesday 4 October			
Wednesday 4 October 8:30am	Karl, Jane, Anusha and Emily Travel by car from National office to Lower Hutt (Anusha taking her car)	1 st week	
9am-11am	Travel time 18 mins Overseas voting, Gibson Sheat Centre, 1 Margaret Street, Lower Hutt Carpark: 41		
Auckland - Thursday 5 October			
Thursday 5 October Depart Wellington to Auckland at 7:45am Flight NZ408 arrive in Auckland 8:50am Pick up rental car: EZI Car, Premium SUV confirmation no. SBC14763028. Additional driver/s can be added only at the counter when picking up vehicle.			
Thursday 5 October 9:20am	Auckland: (Hone Matthews attending) Travel to Auckland city 26 mins	1 st week	
10:15am	Auckland University Students Association Building, 4 Alfred Street. Open 10am-4pm Travel time: 13mins		Complexity of diversity for voting places Meeting priority community needs and their access. Strategic locations with high catchment area Targeting youth voters
11:00am	Mt Eden War Memorial Hall, 487-489 Dominion Road, Balmoral. Open 9am – 5pm Travel time: 38 mins		
11:45am	Angel Vargas (EM Manurewa) and Hone to meet you at Marae Manurewa Marae 81 Finlayson Avenue, Clendon Park Auckland. Open 10am-7pm		Partnership with urban marae
12:30pm	Lunch Travel time: 15 mins		
1:00pm			

1:45pm	Dial into General Election Delivery Taskforce (Anusha)		
3:00pm	Adrian Law (EM Panmure-Otahuhu) will meet you at complex. Swaminarayan Complex (Hindu Temple), 1/7 Wilmay Avenue, Papatoetoe. Open 9am-5pm		The Swami Complex/Hindu Temple have 3,600 visitors per week, also an insight into one of our new community groups
6:00pm	Leave for Auckland airport Travel time: 15 mins ELT Daily update via teams		
Thursday 5 October Depart Auckland to Rotorua at 4:35pm Flight NZ8155 arrive in Rotorua at 5:20pm Pick up rental car: Hertz, minivan, confirmation no. K6044857663. Additional driver/s can be added only at the counter when picking up vehicle. Accommodation: Millennium Hotel, 1270 Hinemaru Street, Rotorua 7:00pm Dinner: At Nikau restaurant within the Millennium Hotel, with leadership team from Rotorua HQ, Jay Bocock EM, Megan [REDACTED] RRM. David [REDACTED] LSM and Sharon [REDACTED] VSM. (Dinner reservation booked)			
Rotorua - Friday 6 October			
Friday 6 October	Rotorua: (Hone Matthews attending)	1 st week	
8:00am	Pick up Jay Bocock, Rotorua EM from the Rotorua HQ 1138 Fenton Street (Cnr Fenton & Arawa Streets – entrance off Arawa Street). to accompany the Board, ADV within Te Puke and other locations if time permits. Travel to Te Puke 49 mins		
9:00am	Te Puke War Memorial Hall, 130 Jellicoe Street, Te Puke. Open 10:00am-4:00pm Travel time: 46 mins		This is a high deprivation, predominantly Māori community. The Centre undertakes a range of community services and development provision. Although a small VP (Voting Place) it serves a priority community who do not have a history of a high proportion of the population voting.
11:00am	Ngongotahā Community Hall, 5 School Road, Ngongotahā. Open 9am-3pm		

12:00pm	Lunch		
1:00pm	Dial into General Election Delivery Taskforce (Anusha)		
1:30pm	Rotorua Central Mall, Centre Court, 1170 Amohau Street, Rotorua. Open 10am-4pm		This is being used to cope with Mall redistribution. I think this will be a great example of Engagement staff and site being used for Advanced Voting.
2:00pm	Electoral Office – Rotorua, 1200 Amohau Street. Open 9am-4pm		
3:00pm	Leave for Rotorua airport Travel time: 15 minutes		
6:30pm	ELT daily update via teams		
Friday 6 October			
<p>Depart Rotorua to Wellington Karl, Anusha at 4:25pm Flight NZ8239 arrive in Wellington 5:40pm Depart Rotorua to Auckland Hone at 5:45pm Flight NZ8156 arrive in Auckland 6:30pm</p>			
Travel to Dunedin Sunday 8 October			
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<p>Depart Wellington to Dunedin Karl 8.50am NZ681 arrive 10.10am shuttle pick up ref 507138, ph. number - 0800 477 800 Depart Wellington to Dunedin Anusha & Lucy 3:30pm NZ689 or 7:45pm arrive 4:50pm</p> <p>Anusha, pick up rental car: Hertz, Full size SUV confirmations no. K6330235961 Additional driver/s can be added only at the counter when picking up vehicle.</p> <p>Accommodation: Distinction Dunedin Hotel, 6 Liverpool Street, Dunedin</p> <p>Dinner: Will make own arrangements</p> <p>1:00pm Dial into General Election Delivery Taskforce (Anusha)</p> <p>6:30pm ELT update via teams</p>			
Dunedin - Monday 9 October			
Monday 9 October	Dunedin: (Jane not attending) (Lucy Hickman attending)	2nd week	
8:30am	Pick up Richard Newcombe, Dunedin EM from office to accompany you to the, ADV within University of Otago and other locations if time permits.		

9:15am	<p>Campus Voting University of Otago, ISB Link, 65 Albany St. Open 9am-7pm</p> <p>Travel time: 5 min walk</p>		<p>Took 8500 votes in 2020 Med lectures theatres – also very busy Suburban/Traditional type VP Took 10,000 votes in 2020</p>
10:00am	<p>University Of Otago, St Davids Complex, St Davids St. Open 9am-5pm</p> <p>Travel time: 5 mins</p>		
11:00am	<p>Otago Polytech Te Pūkenga, The Hub, 95 Forth St. Open 9am-4pm</p> <p>Travel time: 10min</p>		
11:30am	<p>Balmacewan Bowling Club, 31 Balmacewen Road, Māori Hill. Open 11:00am-6:30pm</p>		
12:00pm	<p>Lunch</p>		
1:00pm	<p>Dial into General Election Delivery Taskforce (Anusha)</p>		
1:30pm	<p>Meridian Mall, 285 George St. Open 9am -6pm In the Octagon, across the road from the HQ</p>		
2:30pm	<p>Dunedin Electorate HQ visit.</p>		
3:30pm	<p>Leave for Dunedin airport Travel time 28 mins</p>		
6:30pm	<p>ELT Update via teams</p>		

Travel to Christchurch Monday 9 October

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Depart Dunedin to Christchurch at 4:55pm NZ5742 arrive at 6:00pm

Pick up rental car: Hertz Car Rental, Full size SUV confirmation no. K6334913574. Additional driver/s can be added only at the counter when picking up vehicle.

Accommodation: Novotel, 52 Cathedral Square Christchurch

Dinner: Will make own arrangements

6:30pm ELT update via teams

Christchurch - Tuesday 10 October

Tuesday 10 October	Christchurch: (Jane not attending) (Lucy Hickman and Emily Redman attending)	2nd week	
9:00am	Jane Elms (EM) will meet you outside the Hei Hei Community Centre, Hei Hei Community Centre 12 Wycola Avenue. Open 9.30am-10am		Māori Priority Community
9:30am	Steph Prosser (EM) will meet you at the Hei Hei Community centre and accompany, Board to Burnham Military camp Travel time: 23 mins		
10:15am	Burnham Military camp voting October Tues 10th from 10am – 2pm) (Ensure you have photo ID for when visiting the camp) Travel time: 24 mins		Largest Military camp in the South Island – 1300 military & civilian personnel
11:00am	Westfield Riccarton Mall Level 2, 129 Riccarton Rd Travel time 11 mins		Busy/complex open space voting place - 6358 votes in 2020
11:45am	Te Wananga o Aotearoa – 348 Manchester St. Open 10am-6pm (Māori Education provider) Te Wānanga o Aotearoa Bridging & Tertiary Courses NZ TWoA Travel time 11 mins		Māori Education provider – new AVP
12:30pm	Lunch: Meshino Café – 75 Rutland Street (6 min from Te Wananga, on the way to Northlands)		
1:00pm	Dial into General Election Delivery Taskforce (Anusha)		

1:30pm	Northlands Shopping Centre, near Muffin Break, 55 Main North Road, Papanui. Open 9am- 6pm		Possibly the busiest AVP in the South Island. 7074 votes in 2020
2:15pm	Travel time 15 mins		
3:00pm	Pick up Hamish Keown (EM), from HQ 5 Sir William Pickering Drive to accompany you to the ADV within University of Canterbury.		2 sites; The Undercroft, and Engineering Core, Creyke Rd.
3:30pm	Canterbury Uni, Undercroft, Ilam Road, and Engineering Dept). Open 3:00- 3:30pm		
3:45pm	100, Orchard Rd HQ -afternoon tea		HQ for Selwyn and Te Tai Tonga, and Waimakariri.
	Leave for Christchurch airport Travel time: 2 mins		
Tuesday 10 October			
Depart Christchurch to Wellington at 5.05pm Flight NZ5374 arrive in Wellington at 6:05pm			
6:30pm ELT update via teams			
Wednesday 11 October			
4:00pm Pick up rental car, Avis 25 Dixon Street			
Wellington region – Thursday 12 October			
Thursday 12 October	Wellington region:	2 nd week	
8:30am-10:00am	Overseas visitors welcome Pipitea Marae & Function Centre (55 Thorndon Quay, Wellington 6011)		
	Walk to first visit:		
10:45am	Asteron Centre Foyer, Wellington city Mon Fri 13 Oct 7:30am - 5:30pm		Wellington Central Electorate In 2020, this voting place (VP) took 6200 ordinary votes during the 10 days it was open during advance voting. The VP
11:30pm	Travel time: 23 mins		

12:15pm	St Barnabas Church Hall, 106 Mana Esplanade, Mana, Porirua, Fri 13 Oct 10am - 4pm Lunch Travel time: 7 mins		targets commuters and inner-city workers, visitors & apartment residents. Mana Electorate is above the national population average for Māori at 21.6%. Its Pasifika community at 21% is nearly treble the national average.
1:00pm	Dial into General Election Delivery Taskforce (Anusha)		
1:15pm	Porirua Mall, North City Shopping Centre, 2 Titahi Bay Road, Porirua Fri 13 Oct 9am-6pm Travel time: 10 mins		North City Mall took over 11,000 ordinary votes during the two weeks of advance voting in 2020, with just over 800 on Election Day The space used for North City in 2020 was a much larger space than the two limited spaces sites available this year.
2:30pm	Johnsonville Shopping Centre, adjacent to Countdown entrance, 16 Broderick Road Fri 13 Oct 9am-5pm Travel time: 14 mins		Ōhāriu Electorate The two sites in Johnsonville Mall took over 11,000 ordinary votes between them during advance voting in 2020.
2:00pm	Return to National office		
4:30pm	ELT update		

Wairarapa – Friday 13 October

Friday 13 October	Wairarapa (Jane not attending) (Lucy Hickman attending)	2 nd week	Wairarapa Electorate This electorate is one of two rural electorates in the Lower North Island Region, with the distribution of voting places across the electorate meaning that more than 50% of them are at least a 30-minute drive from HQ, with many up to 2 hours away.
8:00am	Travel from National office to Masterton Travel time: 1 hr 45 min		
10:30am	Te Rangimarie Marae, 131 Cole Street, Masterton. Open 10am-4pm Travel time: 4mins		This is the only advance voting place in west Masterton. It was used in 2020 and took a total of 500 votes during advance voting and Election Day.
11:00am	Prefab between Masterton Library and Supercheap, 44		

	Queen Street, Masterton. Open 9am - 4pm Travel time: 2 mins		This location took just under 4500 ordinary votes in 2020. The location has significant foot traffic from shoppers and library users. During peak times voters can be redirected to the War Memorial Foyer (400 metres away) or the Senior Citizens Hall, 500 metres away (on Election Day). This VP is located within a Sports and Swimming complex, and next to a supermarket. Between advance voting and Election Day just over 3500 votes were issued here in 2020
11:30am	War Memorial Stadium Foyer, Recreation Centre, 2 Dixon Street, Masterton. Open 9am - 4pm		
12:30am	Lunch <i>Ten O'clock Cookie Bakery Cafe, 180 Queen Street, Masterton (awesome food)</i>		
1:00pm	Dial into General Election Delivery Taskforce (Anusha) Travel time: 20 mins		
1:30pm	Carterton Memorial Club, 35-37 Broadway, Carterton. Open 9am - 4pm Travel time: 10 mins		The only advance voting place in Carterton – expected to take around 600 votes (as taken in 2020).
2:00pm	Greytown Town Centre, The Forum, 89-91 Main Street, Greytown. Open 10am - 4pm Travel time: 12 mins		This VP was open in 2020 and took around 1800 ordinary votes during advance voting.
2:30pm	Anzac Hall Supper Room, 62-64 Bell Street, Featherston. Open 9am - 4pm		
3:30pm	Return to National office. Travel time: 1 hr 15 mins		In 2020 this location took over 1200 ordinary votes during advance voting. This VP will be open on Election Day an alternative to Featherston School.
5:00pm	ELT update		
Friday 13 October 5:00pm drop off rental car, Avis 25 Dixon Street			