

Memorandum of Understanding

between the New Zealand Labour Party and Green Party of Aotearoa New Zealand

31 May 2016

Preamble

The Labour Party and the Green Party have agreed to work together on matters of mutual interest. In an MMP electoral environment we believe the interests of our movements and ideals can best be achieved by working co-operatively whilst respecting we are separate political parties.

We are open to building relationships with other parties, people and organisations that share our goal but recognise that is a decision for them.

We note the non-Government parties collectively are supported by more New Zealanders than the Government parties.

It is our intent to build on this agreement so as to offer New Zealanders the basis of a stable, credible and progressive alternative government at the 2017 General Election.

1. Our Purpose

- a) The parties agree to work co-operatively in order to change the Government at the 2017 election.

2. Working Together

- a) We acknowledge any relationship prospers if we work together in good faith and mutual trust. As such we commit to treat each other with integrity and openness.
- b) We agree to co-operate where appropriate in Parliament. This may include co-ordination in Question Time, Select Committees, and supporting each other's Members' Bills and Supplementary Order Papers.
- c) We will investigate a joint policy and/or campaign to advance our purpose. We agree to invite each other to appropriate forums.
- d) We agree to a "no surprises" policy that means we give each other prior notice and the details of major announcements and speeches. This includes matters where we may disagree.
- e) We will consider ways that we can co-operate in the 2016 Local Government elections.
- f) We will meet at least monthly to address matters that advance the purpose of this agreement. Each party will have four representatives - two party leaders, the chiefs of staff and a non-parliamentary party representative.

3. Agree to Disagree Protocol

- a) Each party is proud of their political culture, history and identity. Whilst many of our policies are compatible, we accept that as independent parties, there will be differences in specific policies and strategies.
- b) We support each other's right to express alternative views, whilst acknowledging our responsibility to discuss our position with each other before public debate. We agree to articulate differences in a collegial and respectful manner so as not to detract from the purpose of this agreement.



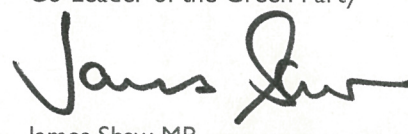
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