

National's Economic Plan

Regulations to be repealed



Burdensome and unnecessary rental standards

1. Regulations prescribing heating output on qualifying heaters that require advanced mathematics to interpret
 - For example, the following regulation from the Healthy Homes Regulations 2019
 - $$d = \sum_j (A_j + R_j) + \sum_k (A_k + R_k) + \sum_m (A_m + R_m) + \sum_n (A_n + R_n) + \sum_p (A_p + R_p)$$
2. Prescribing the location of heaters to be supplied by the landlord
 - Regulation 8 - Main living room must have qualifying heaters
3. Regulations that prescribe standards that are either replications from the Building Code or establish higher standards than the building code are also unnecessarily burdensome.

Rent-increasing Rental regulation

4. Rules making it difficult to remove problematic tenants
5. New provisions that would mean landlords may only raise rents every 12 months meaning that tenants are hit with one large increase rather than potentially smaller increases
6. Provisions that would give Governments Departments inspecting powers, duplicating rental standards and further increasing costs on tenants.
7. Provision allowing modifications to be made without landlord permission
8. Allow tenants to have pets on a property without the permission of the landlord

Regulations stifling investment

9. Significantly reduce the level of ministerial decision making in the Overseas Investment Act
10. Remove the requirement for Kiwsaver funds to be treated as overseas persons
11. Exclude NZ listed bodies corporate from the definition of "overseas person" if no one overseas person (and any associate) holds more than 25% of the shares in the New Zealand listed entity.
12. The regulations requiring IPOs to provide prospective financial information for the next two financial years. This regulation is onerous, costly and not common in other countries.

13. National will update New Zealand's restrictions on the use of biotechnologies in consultation with New Zealanders to bring them into line with the latest science.
14. National will remove the regulation making powers to stop Government prohibiting sales incentives.

Regulations reducing employment opportunities

15. Removing the 30-day-rule that forces new employees to have a union contract when they begin employment;
16. Restoring flexibility by giving all businesses the ability to utilise 90 day trials
17. Restoring flexible rest and meal break provisions;
18. Allow businesses to deduct pay for workers on a partial strike

Lowering costs of regulation

19. National will remove the Low Fixed Charge Tariff Option for Domestic Consumers) that has perverse outcomes for electricity pricing, leading to higher electricity prices for some low-income households.
20. National will abolish the regulation that creates the Auckland Regional Fuel Tax.

Unnecessary and burdensome regulations

21. National will abolish the separate Hairdressers Regulations. It is unnecessarily and burdensome to specifically regulate hairdressers. Any relevant regulations for hairdressers should be covered by the general health and safety regulations.

Redundant regulations

22. Ombudsmen (Protection of Name) Amendment Bill
23. Trade Agreement (Canada) Order
24. Trams-Drivers Regulations
25. Engine Drivers' Examination Regulations
26. Gates and Cattlestops Order
27. Fire Extinguishers Regulations
28. Colliery Railways Vesting Act
29. Music Teachers Act