

# Making a Donation to New Zealand First

## Frequently Asked Questions

Thank you for considering making a donation to New Zealand First or to one of our campaigns. Here are responses to the questions we get most asked by donors.

### Why does NZ First Fundraise?

Unlike Labour with the unions and National with big business, New Zealand First relies entirely on donations from everyday New Zealanders, from the Far North to the Deep South, to continue to operate and to hold those in Parliament to account.

### Don't my taxes pay New Zealand First's costs?

Public funds are used to pay the costs of running the Winston's Office at Parliament, and MPs offices. Funding for election campaigns comes from everyday New Zealanders like you. From billboards, to signs, to flyers, all have to be paid for by donations from our supporters.

### Do you save details of donors and donations?

New Zealand First is required by law to keep records of all donors and donations. These are kept private on our secure servers, unless public disclosure is required by the Electoral Act.

### Are my donations secure?

We use similar technology to what your bank uses so your donations are entirely secure. It's completely encrypted and safe. Our payment processors are used by thousands of businesses and organisations around the world and your credit card details are never transferred to New Zealand First. Our payment provider is Stripe.

### What's the most I can donate?

You can donate as much as you would like to New Zealand First, so long as you are a New Zealand citizen, or an organisation or company registered in New Zealand. If you donate more than \$15,000 to New Zealand First in a calendar year we are required by law to publicly disclose your name and address, and the amount you have donated, in our annual return to the Electoral Commission, which is sent in by the end of March in the following year and is published on the Commission's website. New Zealand First is also required by law to make an immediate disclosure to the Electoral Commission where a donor gives a party more than \$30,000 in a 12 month period. This is then made public on the Electoral Commission's website.

### Donations to political parties are not tax deductible in New Zealand.

Further information about making donations to political parties in New Zealand can be found here: <http://www.elections.org.nz/partiescandidates/registeredpoliticalparties/partydonations>

### Why are you asking me for donations I'm not particularly well off?

We rely on the support of everyday New Zealanders to operate. Unlike other parties with their big donors, we rely on donations from people like you. Of course we are very grateful for any large donations we receive, we're just as grateful for the hundreds of smaller donations we receive from everyday New Zealanders too.

### What if I make a donation by mistake?

We have a refund policy in case you make a donation in error. If you contact us within 7 days of making the donation we will return it to you within 40 days without charge. Refunds requested after 7 days will be provided at the discretion of New Zealand First.

### What if I donate to a specific action, but for some reason the action can't be completed or you raise more than you need?

Sometimes, circumstances may make it impossible for us to use your donation for a specific action. For example, we may be prevented from buying advertising space, or we may win the campaign before we carry out the action. In those instances, it is our policy to use your donation to support further campaigning on the same issue. If that's not possible, we'll put the money in our general campaign fund for use on other campaigns and our wider work.

