



Charter of the New Zealand Liberal Party

We acknowledge, accept and affirm our inviolable precepts of social democracy in that—

We believe—

- ☑ In **one sovereign indivisible Nation of New Zealand**: and
- ☑ In **government of the People, by the People and for the People**: and
- ☑ In **the social contract between the People and the Government** for the protection of our individual and collective rights in consideration for our tax and other obligations, as set out in a codified and protected Constitution that recognises the Treaty of Waitangi as the founding covenant of New Zealand between Māori and the other Peoples, and between all Peoples: and
- ☑ In the **Government only acting in the Public Interest** to achieve the greatest good for the greatest number of the People—the Interests of the Majority—while actively protecting the Interests of Minorities: and
- ☑ In the inviolable dignity of each and every person and all Peoples with equal right to—**liberty, justice and security**—and all other human rights: and
- ☑ In **the inviolable welfare of children** as the foundation of the family, and which represents the perpetuation of our culture and the National Interest: and
- ☑ In **the provision of social benefits**—including: meaningful employment, education, healthcare, housing and social security—income support, family protection, care of the elderly, friendless, forlorn and infirm: and
- ☑ In **the protection of civil liberties**— including: freedom to participate in the Government and hold it accountable, freedom of association and assembly, freedom of religion, and freedom of speech, and additionally, the right to due process of law, to fair trial, to own property and to privacy—but not the right to bear arms: and
- ☑ In **the defence of our heritage**—including: the equal but particular collective rights of all ethnic peoples with self-authority and without cultural assimilation; improvement of living standards, the benefits of scientific discovery and the development of our social order; to access and contribute to communications with other people; to enjoy a healthy environment and our natural resources along with their equitable use—and the intergenerational obligation to achieve sustainability: and

We further believe—

- ☑ In **a mixed economy** consisting mainly of private enterprise, but with Government funded programmes of education, housing, healthcare, childcare and seniorcare and related services for all citizens; and Government ownership of all essential assets for the protection of the National Interest and an interest in all those where the Public Interest requires it: and
- ☑ In **government bodies that regulate private enterprise** in the Public Interest of workers, consumers and fair competition, so that people can conduct commercial transactions with free, informed and prior consent: and

- ☑ In multilateral **environmental protection** for the conservation of our natural resources and in the Global Interest by controlling adverse human impact on and making a positive contribution to any and all such resources: and
- ☑ In **the advocacy for free trade through multilateral agreements** in the Global Interest that do not create injustices in developing countries that we would not tolerate for ourselves in similar circumstances: and
- ☑ In **the efficient, effective and economic use of public money** through its application for specified measurable outcomes and ensuring government expenditure does not exceed 40% of GDP. Accepting equitable taxation through value-added and progressive income taxes, but spurning property taxes whenever practicable: and
- ☑ In **promoting immigration and multiculturalism with a core set of National Values** that bond the ethnic peoples together without diluting their own customs and traditions: and
- ☑ In **secular government that neither interferes in nor sponsors religion**, but promotes religious and cultural tolerance and understanding; and in the evolution of social mores, focuses on the wellbeing of children and inspires them with our National Values: and
- ☑ In **a foreign policy that protects human rights abroad**, develops effective multilateralism and supports the growth of democracy: and

Where the—

- ☑ **National Interest** means the survival, security and perpetuation of the Nation including its culture: and
- ☑ **Public Interest** means the appropriate balance achieved in any given set of circumstances between the greatest good for the greatest number weighed against the potential harm to any minority interest, which, given every person is in some aspect of their life part of a minority, might result in the greatest harm for the greatest number: and
- ☑ **Global Interest** means the application of the precept of the Public Interest to all the Peoples of the World; and

We agree that—

“True freedom does not unduly harm that of others.”

“Judge others, as we wish others to judge us.”

and

“Live simply, so others may simply live.”

