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Dear Ms Turei and Dr Norman

Electoral Commission's MMP Review

I am writing in follow up to my 1 November 2012 letter which attached a copy of the Electoral Commission's final report on its Review of the MMP voting system.

As you are aware, the independent review was required by the Electoral Referendum Act 2010 following the vote to keep MMP at the November 2011 referendum. The Electoral Commission recommended several changes to MMP, and I am interested in your party's views on these recommendations.

While I am aware that Parliamentary parties may have differing views on the Electoral Commission's recommendations, I hope to progress a collaborative process for considering and responding to the Commission's recommendations.

I invite you to write to me with your party's views on the recommendations by Friday 12 April.

Yours sincerely

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Dear Ms Turei and Dr Norman

EMBARGOED UNTIL 2.00PM MONDAY 5 OCTOBER

Electoral Commission's MMP Review - Final Report

Please find attached a copy of the Electoral Commission's final report on its Review of the MMP voting system. I am providing you with this report on an embargoed and strictly confidential basis.

The Electoral Referendum Act 2010 specifies that the Electoral Commission must present its final report to the Minister of Justice by 31 October 2012 and that the report then be presented to the House as soon practicable. I intend to table this report with the House and make the report public on Monday 5 October. The report is to be treated as embargoed until that time.

As you are aware, the independent review was required by the Electoral Referendum Act 2010 following the vote to keep MMP at last November's referendum. The Electoral Commission received nearly 6000 submissions throughout the review process and has recommended several changes to MMP.

It is highly desirable for electoral law to be based, as much as possible, on consensus to help maintain public confidence in the integrity of our democratic system and to ensure that any reforms are enduring. This is particularly so with responding to the independent MMP review, which deals with fundamental aspects of our voting system.

I hope that, while Parliamentary parties may have differing views on the Electoral Commission's recommendations, we can agree to a collaborative process for responding to the MMP review. My office will be in contact with you in the near future about this.

Yours sincerely

Hon Judith Collins
Minister of Justice