

Ban 1080 Political Party Press Release

Ban1080 Party suspects political interference in it's registration by Electoral Commission.

The Ban1080 Party suspects delays in the Electoral Commission's decision on it's logo & name are intentional and politically driven.

Ban1080's founder Bill Wallace says that the Party is in time for nomination, able to be called the Ban1080 Party, and advertise as the Ban1080 Party. However the Electoral Commission's delay in it's decision to officially register the Party's logo & name could result in the Ban1080 Party being prevented from contesting the party vote at the upcoming elections.

Mr. Wallace believes the delay is intended to deny the Party the time in which to have an alternate name approved and registered, if objections are upheld by the politically appointed board of the Electoral Commission.

The only complaint being considered is whether there are "intellectual property rights" in the logo "1080".

"1080" is not a registered trademark, and the Intellectual Property Office of New Zealand has no intellectual property protection for 1080 as a poison.

The only company to import the poison 1080 into NZ is Animal Control Products Ltd, a crown company with the Minister of Finance and the Minister of Primary Industries as the shareholders.

The only users of the product are DoC and TB Free, both Government departments.

If these Government agencies are the submitters against registration of the Ban1080 logo & name or in any ways involved in the delays, then Mr Wallace suggests there is a considerable conflict of interest, and would represent an unconstitutional interference with New Zealanders' democratic right to freely vote as they see fit.