

	<p>"I think what (the Abortion Supervisory Committee) mean is liberalise it, and we wouldn't do that." Bill English – PM (Mar 2017) <sup>1</sup></p> <p>"Wholesale reform of abortion law is not something I'm currently looking at." Amy Adams – Minister of Justice (Dec 2016) <sup>2</sup></p>
	<p>Conservative Party opposes the decriminalisation of the abortion.</p>
	<p>"I support women's choice... It does need to be reviewed and upgraded, and I agree with (Leader) Jacinda (Ardern) - we should not have it in the Crimes Act; it is not a crime..." – ex-leader Andrew Little (March 2017)</p>
	<p>Our full policy on this is a part of our Women's Policy. In short, our policy is to decriminalise abortion.</p>
	<p>"Our abortion laws are archaic, and should be modernized. I have always believed in personal choice, and that extends to the issue of abortion. Morally, abortion is about a woman's body and her choice... The right thing to do is reform abortion law to reflect what actually happens: women exercise choice for their own reasons. If I did not already have a bill on an important moral issue in the Members' ballot I would seriously consider a bill on this issue." - Media Release – David Seymour (Mar 2017) <sup>4</sup></p> <p>ACT does not have a policy on decriminalisation of abortion. (Official response)</p>
	<p>We believe that in matters pertaining to life and death, decisions are best made in the context of Whānau Ora – the whānau determining the best outcomes for their whānau. We place high value on whakapapa - the sacred genealogical lines of one's descent. As Māori, we need to be confident that the respect we have for whakapapa, for whanaungatanga, and for tikanga are fully understood by ourselves and others. The Māori Party believes the current law in relation to abortion needs to be reviewed. There are a range of issues concerning abortion laws, including cultural issues. We recognise there is a conversation to be had as a nation about the extent to which abortion should be treated as a crime or a health issue. We welcome the debate and the need for a rethink of the current law.</p>
	<p>"Prohibition and complicated hoops to jump through doesn't work. Abortion is healthcare and it shouldn't be a crime, it should be a matter for a person with a uterus and their doctor." – Dr Jenny Condie (List Candidate)</p>
	<p>New Zealand First believes abortions should be safe, legal and rare. Any change must be subject to a binding government or citizens initiated referendum after a period of public debate.</p>
	<p>United Future sees abortion legislation as a matter of conscience and so does not have a party position.</p>