






	<p><i>(Supported the petition of Hillary Kieft to get the law changed to allow for parental notification)</i> The Māori Party welcomes the opportunity to discuss the issue of parental notification for teenagers seeking an abortion. Under the current system a young woman can get sign off from two doctors, have an abortion and return home without her parents knowing. We believe that whānau need to be informed so whānau can offer support to that child. We also believe that there needs to be an age minimum for an abortion as currently there is not and we do not think this is appropriate.</p>
	<p><i>(Supported the petition of Hillary Kieft to get the law changed to allow for parental notification)</i> New Zealand First supports the parental notification for teenagers seeking abortion if the minor is in their parents care with an exemption in exceptional circumstances where the young woman could be placed in danger by such a notification.</p>
	<p>Conservative Party believes that parents should be notified for all medical procedures on their children, including abortion.</p>
	<p><i>(Opposed the petition of Hillary Kieft to get the law changed to allow for parental notification)</i> <i>"Labour's spokesperson for Justice Jacinda Ardern said the law should remain the way it was." (2015)</i></p>
	<p><i>(Opposed the petition of Hillary Kieft to get the law changed to allow for parental notification)</i> We do not have explicit policy on this, however we opposed mandatory parental notification on safety grounds. It is important to realise that in most cases young people who initially do not want to tell parents of an unintended pregnancy are supported to do so by health professionals and very few abortions happen without an adult family member being told.</p>
	<p><i>No response received</i> <i>(Opposed the petition of Hillary Kieft to get the law changed to allow for parental notification)</i></p>
	<p><i>(Party leader David Seymour personally opposes parental notification)</i> ACT does not have a policy on parental notification for teenagers seeking abortion – Official response</p>
	<p>We support informed consent for abortion – Official response</p>