









BINDING CITIZENS' INITIATED REFERENDA

	<p>New Zealand First has long supported citizen-initiated binding referendums for contentious issues. These issues should not be decided by temporarily empowered politicians but by the public.</p>
	<p>Binding Citizens' Initiated Referenda is a core policy of Conservative Party.</p>
	<p>Our policy is not to make Citizens' Initiated Referenda binding. This risks creating mob rule and undermining the right of an incumbent government to make policy.</p>
	<p>While a Citizens' Initiated Referendum is an expression of the will of the people, so are elections. However, Citizens' Initiated Referendums are single-issue votes triggered by the large public petitions. While the Māori Party does not have a policy on supporting or opposing Binding Citizens' Initiated Referendums, we do believe that there are other ways to change the law and do not consider a binding referendum as the best way of doing this.</p>
	<p>We oppose binding Citizens' Initiated Referenda.</p>
	<p>No, we do not have policy on this.</p>
	<p><i>No response received</i></p>
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