**Comparing the policies of Labour, NZ First and Greens on key family issues**

### REDEFINING MARRIAGE

**Labour**

- We support the definition of marriage, which Labour has consistently maintained, as a union of one man and one woman for the purposes of a lifelong relationship, legal recognition of a family and social responsibilities.

**Green**

- NZ First supports an independent policy on same-sex marriage for the next Ministry of Kindness (Chips for everyone).

- We support a voluntary ban on marriage for those people who have not been able to properly prepare for the responsibilities of marriage.

### DECIMALISATION ABORTION

**Labour**

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**Green**

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- NZ First will repeal the anti-smacking law (Crimes (Substituted Section 59) Amendment Act 2007).

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### DECIMALISATION ASSISTED SUICIDE / EUTHANASIA

**Labour**

- “Abortion) shouldn’t be in the Crimes Act. People need to be able to make their own decision. I want women who want to be able to find a good medical practitioner who will help them do that.” – Jacinda Ardern

- “Labour's spokesperson for Justice Jacinda Ardern said the law should remain the way it was.”

- (Opposed the petition of Hillary Kieft to get the law changed to allow for parental notification)

**Green**

- New Zealand First is not opposed to research into the potential benefits of pharmaceutical marijuana extracts, provided that these be thoroughly tested for their effectiveness and safety.

- The Green Party's Youth Policy states that we will ensure the inclusion of comprehensive health and sex education at intermediate and secondary national curriculum – issues covered would include sexual diseases, contraception, consent, sexual orientation and gender identity. We strongly oppose the reducing of the definition of marriage to being between one man and one woman only.

- Our full policy on this is a part of our Health Policy.

### MEDICINAL MARIJUANA

**Labour**

- The Green Party includes a section outlining our position to make cannabis legal for personal use. That includes legalising cultivation for just medical purposes.

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**Green**

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### SEX EDUCATION IN SCHOOLS

**Labour**

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### PARENTAL NOTIFICATION FOR TEENAGE ABORTIONS

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### GENDER IDENTITY* IDEOLOGY IN SCHOOLS

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