



13 July 2023

Mayor Neil Holdom
New Plymouth District Council
84 Liardet Street
New Plymouth 4310

Dear Mayor Holdom

Final determination of question wording and form approval for indicative referendum petition

This letter is to confirm the wording determined by me as required by section 11 of the Citizens Initiated Referenda Act 1993. This wording is as follows:

“Should the New Zealand government fund road maintenance at levels sufficient to reverse the current decline in the average age and condition of our national state highway network?”

The notice will be published in the *New Zealand Gazette* on Wednesday, 19 July 2023. It will also be published in *The New Zealand Herald*, *The Post*, *The Press*, and *The Otago Daily Times*.

I have approved the attached form for use in gathering signatures. All signatures must be on this form. It is your responsibility to print and distribute the forms.

You have 12 months from the date of publication of the *Gazette* notice in which to deliver the signed petition to me. Otherwise, the proposal will lapse. The proposal will also lapse if you do not collect signatures amounting to 10 percent of eligible electors.

I have enclosed a copy of *Notes for the Guidance of Persons Collecting Signatures to an Indicative Referendum Petition*.

You need to be aware of statutory provisions relating to advertising your petition and filing returns. These are set out in sections 41 to 45 of the Citizens Initiated Referenda Act 1993. If you have any queries about this, you should contact the Chief Electoral Officer, PO Box 3220, Wellington.

If you have any other queries, please address them in the first instance to Bevan Rogers, Parliamentary Office (Parliamentary Law and Practice) on Bevan.Rogers@parliament.govt.nz or 04 817 9475.

Yours sincerely

David Wilson
Clerk of the House of Representatives