

Want a strong National government? Party Vote ACT.

There's only one way the next government is going to deliver the benefits on the enclosed pledge card. And that's if ACT holds the balance of power.

John Key is prepared to keep nearly all of Labour's bad policies to win over Labour voters. He's even happy to keep Winston Peters as foreign minister!

That approach won't help New Zealand beat Australia. It won't get you an extra \$500 a week. And it won't bring our children home.

Strange but true: the best way to get a strong National government is not to vote National at all.

It's to Party Vote ACT - and make

Rodney Hide and Roger Douglas the Kingmakers after the election.

That way, anyone who wants to be prime minister will have to make Roger Douglas Minister of Finance.

You'll be surprised how quickly they'll agree!

TWO WAYS TO CHANGE THE GOVERNMENT. WHICH ONE WILL CHANGE NEW ZEALAND?



Without ACT, expect National to give you Labour policies plus Winston Peters. With ACT, you'll get better policies plus Sir Roger Douglas.

How to make Rodney Hide and Roger Douglas the Kingmakers after the election

Under MMP, a small party can play a big role. With just 6-10% of the vote, ACT can do what the Progressive Democrats did in Ireland: transform the economy, boost wages and bring the kids home.

Here's the voting strategy that will make it happen:

1. Epsom ensures every Party Vote for ACT counts. The voters of Epsom appreciate Rodney's hard work and understand MMP.

2. The Party Vote is the only vote that counts. Give your Party Vote to ACT.

This is absolutely critical. Only by giving your Party Vote to ACT can you put pressure on the next government to do what's right for New Zealand.

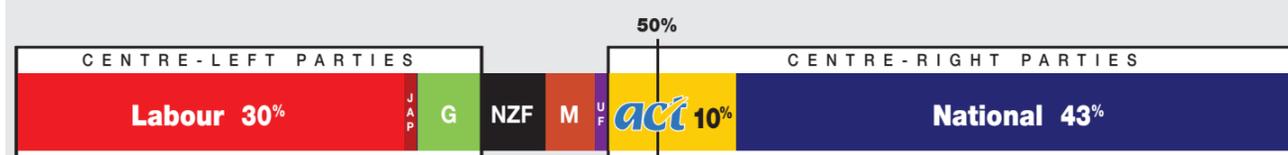
3. Your Electorate Vote will NOT affect the total number of MPs your party gets. Your Electorate Vote just determines the mix of party list MPs and electorate MPs. You should feel free to give your Electorate Vote to the candidate you think would best serve your electorate.

4. To change the government, you can Party Vote for either National or ACT.

With John Key signing up to virtually all of Labour's left-wing policies, a National landslide would be very good for the National Party, but would see New Zealand slip further and further behind Australia.

5. To change the direction of New Zealand, you must Party Vote ACT. The National/ACT split will make all the difference in the world for New Zealand. To make the positive changes that the country needs, it's vital that the ACT total is as high as possible. Give us the balance of power and we will deliver on this pledge card.

ACT WITH BALANCE OF POWER = CHANGE OF GOVERNMENT + CHANGE OF DIRECTION



Giving ACT the balance of power will change the government and change the direction of New Zealand for the better.



The Guts To Do What's Right.

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New Zealand's biggest pledge card, containing the juiciest election bribe ever.

The ACT Party promises that if you give us your party vote and we hold the balance of power after the election, we'll create an economy that gives the average New Zealand wage earner an EXTRA \$500 A WEEK - enough to outperform Australia and bring our children home.

How's that for a bribe? Don't believe we can deliver? Then turn the page and see a pledge card with a difference. A detailed plan to do just that.

Nearly all of the policies we propose are regarded as international best practice. Others will be - after we've pioneered them!

Not hard right. Dead right.

These policies will give us the growth we need, so we can afford things like life-saving breast cancer drugs that countries like Greece can now afford, but we can't.

After fifteen years of gutless governments:

- The average New Zealand worker is now \$450 a week poorer than the average Australian worker
- If we were a state of Australia, we'd be the poorest - \$100 a week poorer than Tasmania

- If we were a state of the USA, we'd be 51st and last - \$120 a week poorer than Mississippi.

Is it any wonder so many Kiwis with get-up-and-go have got up and gone?

One thing's for sure. Unless you stop voting for politicians who bribe you with short-term treats at the expense of policies that enrich you in the long run, you'll keep getting poorer and poorer.

John Key is not the key. Roger Douglas is.

National leader John Key can see that Labour's policies are hurting you. But he needs Labour's voters to make him prime minister. So he won't change them.

He's copying Australian PM Kevin Rudd's strategy of saying 'me too' to the present government's policies. But can you spot the difference?

That's right. Rudd said 'me too' to policies that have made Australia richer. Key's saying 'me too' to policies that are making New Zealand poorer!

There's only one way to save New Zealand. Only one way to bring our children home. And that's to make sure the

ACT Party gets enough votes to hold the balance of power and demand that Sir Roger Douglas gets back his old job of Minister of Finance.

Who would you trust to manage New Zealand's \$175 billion economy in a crisis?

- Michael Cullen - who's squandered the best global conditions of a generation to make us poorer than Greece?
- Bill English - who did nothing much the last time he was Minister of Finance, and is proudly promising to do nothing much again?
- Sir Roger Douglas - the finance minister who transformed New Zealand from a Soviet-style basket case under National to one of the freest and most admired economies in the world?

In 1984, Sir Roger Douglas had the guts to do what was right for this country when it needed strong leadership.

Well, we need that leadership again. On the next page is how we'll provide it. On the back page is how you can make it happen with a Party Vote for ACT.

Rodney Hide
ACT Leader

New Zealand's Real Economic Dream Team

Left: Sir Roger Douglas, New Zealand's greatest-ever Minister of Finance.

Right: Rodney Hide, environmental scientist and economist, ACT Leader and proud MP for Epsom.



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ACT's plan to get you an extra \$500 a week, beat Australia, and bring our children home.

by ACT Leader Rodney Hide and former Minister of Finance Sir Roger Douglas

act Policy	Countries where similar policy works well	Benefit	Boosts NZ annual growth by...	Boosts NZ average weekly pay by...	Vote YES or NO
1 Government waste. Cut state spending to Australian levels.	Australia	Lower inflation. Lower interest rates. More money left with those who earn it.	1/2%	\$50.00	
2 Tax. Cut and flatten rates. Start by abolishing the Cullen 39c 'envy tax'.	Singapore, Hong Kong, Russia, Estonia, Slovakia, Latvia, Lithuania	More incentive for people with initiative to create wealth and jobs.	3/8%	\$37.50	
3 Local government. Limit to core activities. Cap rates.	Ireland	Lower rates. Keep money for other things.	1/4%	\$25.00	
4 Public service:			1/4%	\$25.00	
Close departments we don't need.	Australia (Labor)	Millions saved for things we do need.			
Reduce bureaucracy.	Australia (Labor)	Good state servants freed up for more productive jobs.			
Return bureaucracy to non-political role.	Hong Kong	Unbiased advice.			
Limit Cabinet to 12 ministers.		Better decisions sooner. Fewer baubles of office.			
Limit Parliament to 100 MPs. The many countries with fewer MPs per capita than NZ include...	Japan, Netherlands, France, Israel, Spain, Belgium	Millions saved for things we need.			
5 Red tape. Get rid of all nutty regulations.		The state no longer wastes productive people's time on pointless form-filing.	1/4%	\$25.00	
Appoint Minister of Regulatory Reform.	Australia (Labor)	Firms cut free of red tape can focus on creating more wealth and more jobs.			
Pass Regulatory Responsibility Act – to set checklist for good lawmaking.		Politicians must consider national interest, so can't easily pass laws for cynical political reasons.			
6 Resource management. Reform the Resource Management Act.	US (Houston)	Good projects start and finish sooner.	1/4%	\$25.00	
7 Education. Create competitive market. Award a full education scholarship to every child to be spent at the public or private schools of the parents' choice.	Sweden, Netherlands, Ireland, Denmark, Australia, UK Conservative policy	Kids learn more, faster. (State funds parents. Parents choose schools. Schools reward good teachers. Good teachers drive education – to please parents, not bureaucrats.)	1/4%	\$25.00	
8 Healthcare. Create competitive market. Give every New Zealander health insurance.	Switzerland, France, Netherlands, Germany, Sweden (Stockholm)	Hospitals cure more patients, sooner. (State gives health policies to all. Patients choose hospitals. Doctors, not bureaucrats, drive healthcare.)	1/4%	\$25.00	
9 Accident compensation. Create competitive market – as used to work well here.	Most wealthy nations, New Zealand 1998-99	Accident victims back at work sooner. Lower fees.	1/4%	\$25.00	
10 Welfare. Create competitive markets for sickness, invalid, and unemployment insurance.	US (Democrats), Switzerland, Australia	Welfare recipients back at work sooner. More generous support for those who can't work.	1/8%	\$12.50	
11 Immigration. Welcome more good quality immigrants.	Australia, US	Industries get the skilled workers they need.	1/4%	\$25.00	
12 Labour. Allow freedom of contract to make it easier to trial new workers and replace poor performers.	UK, Ireland, Denmark, Japan, Switzerland, US	Business runs better with right staff. Workers and company earn more. Contract protects both parties.	1/2%	\$50.00	
13 Privatisation. Sell state businesses where private firms can serve customers better.	Practically all except Cuba, Burma, North Korea	Happier customers. Lower prices. More product variety and choice.	1/4%	\$25.00	
14 Infrastructure. Build better networks (e.g. roads, water, electricity).		Better service for less money.	1/4%	\$25.00	
Replace user charges with tolls that reward off-peak use.	Australia, Norway (Oslo), US, Singapore, France	Smoothing demand reduces bottlenecks. No need to pay for more capacity.			
15 Tariffs. Cut remaining tariffs on imports.	Hong Kong, Singapore	Cheaper imports. Exporters who can't compete switch to fields where they can.	1/8%	\$12.50	
Strengthen bonds with the US.	Australia, Chile, Canada, Mexico	US Free Trade Agreement would earn NZ \$1b+ a year. More Kiwis exposed to US entrepreneurial skills.			
16 Housing. Free up more land for homes.	US (Houston)	Cheaper sections. More people achieve Kiwi dream of owning home.	1/8%	\$12.50	
17 Law and order:			1/8%	\$12.50	
Bring back private prisons – now best practice overseas.	UK (Labour Party), US, Australia	More secure, more humane, cheaper prisons.			
Let private firms free up cops for 'zero tolerance' policing.	New York	Young taggers don't progress to worse crimes. People feel safer.			
Speed up courts (e.g. night courts) to reduce unfair delays.	US (New York, California), Singapore, Canada	More decisions sooner.			
18 Climate change. Adopt saner policies. Low carbon tax better than carbon trading.	US, Canada (British Columbia), Australia	Don't hurt Kiwi families and businesses needlessly. (Nations that cause 75% of emissions must lead.)	3/8%	\$37.50	
19 Constitutional framework. Strengthen.		Makes democracy more democratic.	1/8%	\$12.50	
Adopt Taxpayer Bill of Rights	Hong Kong, US (20 states e.g. Colorado)	State spending capped. Taxes kept low.			
Pass Regulatory Responsibility Act – to set checklist for good lawmaking.		Hard to make bad laws like Electoral Finance Act.			
Return to Privy Council	UK, Jamaica, Trinidad & Tobago, Belize, Bermuda	Free access to best judicial minds from a population of 58 million.			
Hold referendum on MMP voting system.		People get long-overdue say on how they like MMP.			
20 Families at risk. Appoint mentors to teach parenting and life skills.	Sweden, Norway, Denmark, US (Philadelphia)	Less family violence. Fewer damaged children. Thriving families less drain on taxpayers.	1/8%	\$12.50	
TOTAL BOOST TO NEW ZEALAND'S GROWTH RATE AND AVERAGE WEEKLY PAY			5%	\$500.00	

Take out a pen and come and play finance minister...

In the right-hand column, you can make the kind of choices that Roger Douglas had to make in the '80s.

(Oh, and if anyone says these policies are 'hard right', note how many of them have been adopted by left-wing governments, from Sweden to the UK to Bill Clinton's America. They're simply international best practice.)

OK. Now vote Yes or No to each policy. We don't

expect you to like them all. But any time you vote No, check how much annual growth and how much weekly pay you're costing yourself in doing so.

(Growth, by the way, is what allows us to pay for things like better medicines, great teachers and more roads.)

You see, running a country is just like running your home. You need to make tough choices. It takes guts.

We'll need a ton of that if we're going to close the

average trans-Tasman income gap of \$450 a week and bring our kids home.

As Kevin Rudd adopts many of ACT's policies in Australia – like \$31 billion in tax cuts, and plans to trim public service fat – we have no choice but to make even more good choices than our big neighbour.

Ireland did it in the '90s. So can we. Strong leadership from an ACT-like party created a booming economy and

brought Irish kids home in droves.

Over thirty countries now boast a better living standard than New Zealand's. Why?

Because they've had what we need: the right policies and leaders with the guts to do what's right.


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