

NZ Labour coalition agreements

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Earlier today New Zealand Labour (NZ Labour) leader, Jacinda Ardern signed a formal coalition agreement with NZ First leader, Winston Peters and a formal confidence and supply agreement with Green Party of Aotearoa New Zealand (Greens) leader James Shaw.

NZ First will hold four Cabinet positions and one Parliamentary undersecretary position, and the Greens will hold three ministerial positions outside Cabinet and one undersecretary position.

This Hawker Britton Occasional Paper will outline policy and other highlights of each agreement.

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NZ Labour coalition agreement with NZ First

Policy highlights outlined in the NZ Zealand Labour coalition agreement include:

- A \$1 billion annual Regional Development Fund, with a focus on regional rail, the planting of 100 million trees annually under a Billion Trees Planting Programme, and a feasibility study into moving Ports North to Northport.
- Increasing the minimum wage to \$20 per hour by 2020.
- Introducing a royalty on bottled water exports.
- Reviewing and reforming the Reserve Bank Act.
- A new generation public transport SuperGold smart card.
- Testing new alternative pest control management systems to 1080.
- Increasingly significantly funding for the Department of Conservation.
- Developing a 30-year education plan.
- Free doctors' visits for children under 14.
- Free driver training programs for all secondary students.
- Increasing funding for domestic and family violence support networks, including the Shakti Youth and Women's Refuge.
- Committing to re-entry to the Pike River site.



- Resolving outstanding issues in the Kermadec Sanctuary Bill in consultation with Māori people and other quota holders.
- Implementing NZ First's racing policy, which includes capitalising on export opportunities within the industry, greater promotion of the industry, and a review of the NZ Racing Board. Further information on NZ First's racing policy can be accessed [here](#).
- Employing an additional 1800 police officers over three years.
- Introducing a Waka Jumping Bill to prevent MPs defecting to other parties.

Under the coalition agreement between NZ Labour and NZ First, NZ First leader Winston Peters accepted the position of Deputy Prime Minister. Under the agreement, NZ First Ministers will hold the portfolios of:

- Foreign Affairs;
- Regional Economic Development;
- Infrastructure;
- Internal Affairs;
- Seniors;
- Defence;
- Veterans' Affairs;
- Children;
- Forestry;
- State Owned Enterprises;
- Racing;
- Associate Finance; and
- Associate Education;
- Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs and Regional Economic Development.

The full coalition agreement between NZ Labour and NZ First can be accessed [here](#).

NZ Labour and Greens confidence and supply agreement

Policy highlights outlined in the NZ Labour and Greens confidence and supply agreement includes:

- Introducing a Zero Carbon Act and establishing an independent Climate Commission which will oversee the transition to 100 per cent renewable energy by 2035.
- Establishing a \$100 million Green Investment Fund to encourage investment in low carbon industries by 2020.
- Including a 'rent to own' option as part of Labour's Kiwibuild program.
- Including climate impact analysis on all new policy.



- Investigating a 'green transport card' which would offer reduced public transport fares for low-income people and people on welfare.
- Reducing waste classes by 2020.
- Strengthening water conservation.
- Establishing a Kermadec Ocean Sanctuary in consultation with Māori.
- Reviewing access to welfare payments, including for refugees.
- Access to free counselling for under 25s.
- Eliminating the gender pay gap in the public sector.
- Increasing the Department of Conservation's funding.
- Committing to a referendum on legalising personal use of cannabis at or by the 2020 election.

Under the agreement, Greens Ministers will hold the following portfolios:

- Climate Change;
- Associate Finance;
- Conservation;
- Women;
- Land Information New Zealand;
- Associate Environment;
- Statistics;
- Associate Transport;
- Associate Health; and
- Undersecretary to the Minister of Justice (Domestic and Sexual Violence).

Further information

Further information on NZ Labour's election commitments are available in the Occasional Paper [here](#).

Further information on NZ Labour's agreement to form government and immediate policy agenda is available in the Occasional Paper [here](#).

Further information on NZ Labour's election policies is available [here](#).

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