

Political Issues Poll October 2023

CLIENT:	NZ Taxpayers' Union
POLL DATES:	Sun 01 Oct to Wed 04 Oct 2023. The median response was collected on Wed 03 Oct 2023.
TARGET POPULATION:	Eligible New Zealand voters.
SAMPLE POPULATION:	Eligible New Zealand voters who are contactable on a landline or mobile phone or online panel.
SAMPLE SIZE:	1,000 respondents agreed to participate – 800 via phone and 200 via online panel.
SAMPLE SELECTION:	A random selection of 15,000 nationwide phone numbers and a random selection from an online panel (that complies with ESOMAR guidelines for online research)
WEIGHTING:	The results are weighted to reflect the overall voting adult population in terms of gender, age, and area.
SAMPLE ERROR:	Based on this sample of 1,000 respondents, the maximum sampling error (for a result of 50%) is +/- 3.1%, at the 95% confidence level. Results for sub-groups such as age and area will have a much higher margin of error and not seen as precise.
CODE COMPLIANCE:	This poll was conducted in accordance with the Research Association New Zealand Code of Practice and the International Chamber of Commerce/European Society for Opinion and Market Research Code on Market and Social Research.

The Government has proposed transferring planning powers over housing, business and environmental development from elected local councils to new regional planning committees made up of appointees from councils, central government, and iwi and hapū. Should planning rules be set by local councils or regional planning committees?

		Count	Col %
Planning powers	Local councils	438	47%
	Regional planning cmtes	223	24%
	Unsure	263	28%
	Total	924	100%

47% of respondents think planning rules should be set by local councils and only 24% by regional planning committees.

		Gender	
		Female	Male
		Col %	Col %
Planning powers	Local councils	52%	42%
	Regional planning cmtes	18%	31%
	Unsure	30%	26%
	Total	100%	100%

		Age		
		18 - 39	40 - 59	60+
		Col %	Col %	Col %
Planning powers	Local councils	37%	52%	52%
	Regional planning cmtes	23%	26%	24%
	Unsure	40%	22%	24%
	Total	100%	100%	100%

		Area					
		Akl	Wgtn	Chch	Prov	Towns	Rural
		Col %	Col %	Col %	Cities	Col %	Col %
Planning powers	Local councils	44%	46%	47%	47%	51%	51%
	Regional planning cmtes	25%	18%	24%	29%	18%	29%
	Unsure	31%	36%	29%	24%	31%	20%
	Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

		Deprivation		
		Least	Moderate	Most
		Col %	Col %	Col %
Planning powers	Local councils	44%	52%	44%
	Regional planning cmtes	26%	22%	25%
	Unsure	29%	26%	31%
	Total	100%	100%	100%

		Probed Party Vote				
		National	Labour	ACT	Greens	Unsure
		Col %	Col %	Col %	Col %	Col %
Planning powers	Local councils	59%	41%	51%	28%	44%
	Regional planning cmtes	18%	28%	22%	46%	21%
	Unsure	24%	31%	26%	27%	36%
	Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

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