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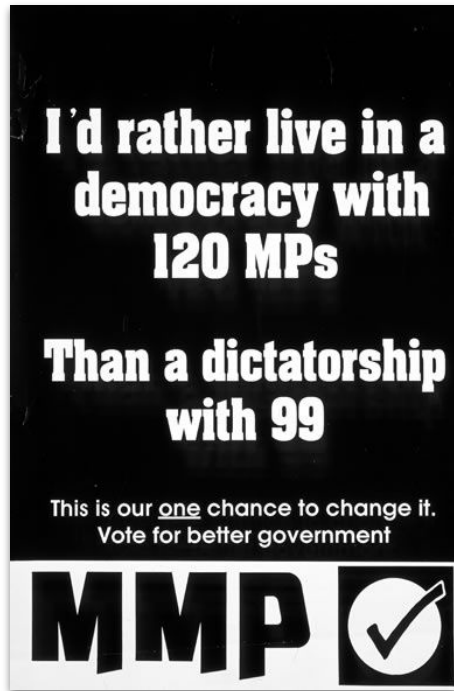
**I'd rather live in a  
democracy with  
120 MPs**

**Than a dictatorship  
with 99**

This is our one chance to change it.  
Vote for better government

**MMP**





**Image:** This is a poster from the 1993 referendum campaign. It was designed by supporters of the mixed member proportional system (MMP).

- What is a dictatorship and how is it different from democracy?
- Who is this message from and why?
- What was the result of this referendum?

**Source:** Alexander Turnbull Library **Reference:** Eph-D-POLITICS-1993







**Image:** This is a photo of Kate Sheppard taken in 1905.

- Who is Kate Sheppard?
- Why is she considered an important person in the history of New Zealand politics?
- Why is the date 1893 significant in New Zealand?

Source: National Library Reference: 1/2-C-09028-F







**Image:** This is a photo of New Zealand coins over time. They show New Zealand's Head of State.

- Who is New Zealand's Head of State?
- What role do they play in New Zealand's law making?
- Do you think we should we should become a republic or remain a monarchy?









**Image:** This photo shows three out of the four buildings of New Zealand's Parliament.

- What are the names of these three buildings?
- What are each of them used for?
- There is a fourth building not shown in this photo. What is it and what is it used for?

Source: CanStockPhoto



To be presented to Parliament at the first Session of 1893.

To the Honourable the Speaker and Members  
of the House of Representatives in Parlia-  
ment assembled.



HE Petition of the undersigned Women, of the age of twenty-one years and upwards, resident in the Colony of New Zealand, humbly sheweth:—



HAT large numbers of Women in the Colony have for several years petitioned Parliament to extend the franchise to them.



HAT the justice of the claim, and the expediency of granting it, was, during the last Session of Parliament, affirmed by both Houses; but, that for reasons not affecting the principle of Women's Franchise, its exercise has not yet been provided for.



HAT if such provision is not made before the next General Election, your petitioners will, for several years, be denied the enjoyment of what has been admitted by Parliament to be a just right, and will suffer a grievous wrong.



HEY therefore earnestly pray your Honourable House to adopt such measures as will enable Women to record their votes for Members of the House of Representatives at the ensuing General Election.



HEY further pray that your Honourable House will pass no Electoral Bill which shall fail to secure to Women this privilege.

And your petitioners, as in duty bound, will ever pray, &c.

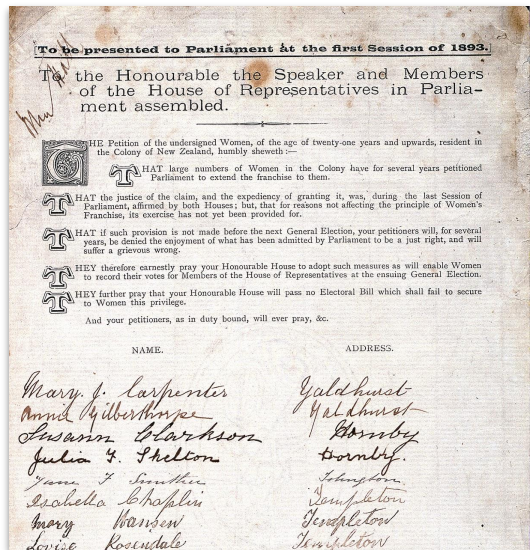
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Templeton  
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**Image:** This is a photo of the Suffrage Petition from 1893. It shows the request that was made by tens of thousands of women to the House of Representatives.

- What is a petition?
- Why do people start a petition?
- What is this petition asking for?

Source: Archives New Zealand – Te Rua Mahara o te Kāwanatanga  
Reference: LE 1, 1893/79



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**Image:** This is an excerpt from the Auckland Star newspaper on 29 October 1932.

- What is the main issue discussed in the article?
- What is a Māori electorate?
- How are the boundaries of an electorate decided?

**Source:** Papers Past **Reference:** Auckland Star, Volume LXIII, issue 257, 29 October 1932







**Image:** This is a photo of one side of a New Zealand \$50 note. There are images on the note that have significance to New Zealand.

- Who is the man on this New Zealand \$50 note and why is he honoured in this way?
- What does rangatira mean? What makes a good rangatira?
- What are the other images on the note, and why are they there?
- What would you put on a bank note to represent New Zealand?

Source: Reserve Bank, Flickr





Te Kōwhiringa Pōti Māori | Māori Electoral Option

# It's time to choose between the Māori roll and the general roll.

Māori mā, if you're 18 or over you can change rolls at any time up until 3 months before an election. You have until 13 July to make your choice for this year's General Election.



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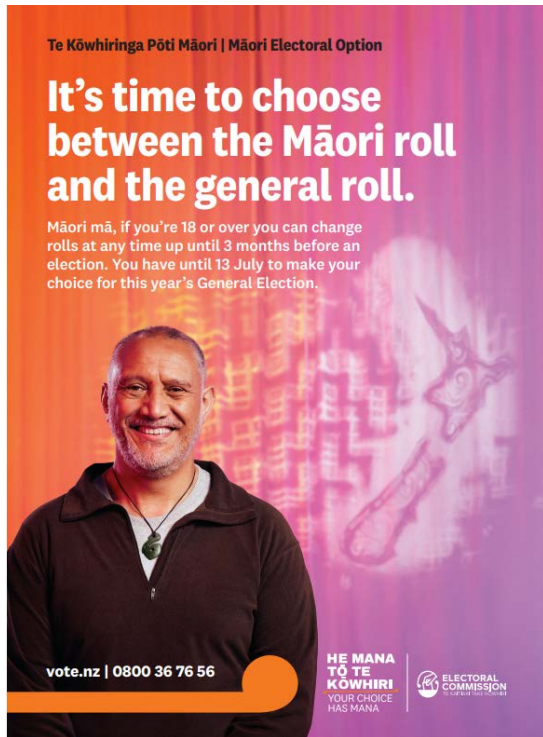
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ELECTORAL  
COMMISSION  
ELECTIONS  
2023

**Image:** This is promotional material from 2023. It advertises the right of Māori to choose which electoral roll they want to be registered on.

- What is an electoral roll?
- What is its purpose?
- Why might someone choose to be on the Māori roll?

**Source:** Electoral Commission



# Citizens' Meeting

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Opera House,  
**Sunday, 9th**

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Facts of the Dispute from  
a Citizen's Viewpoint.

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Prominent Wellington Citizens  
will Speak.

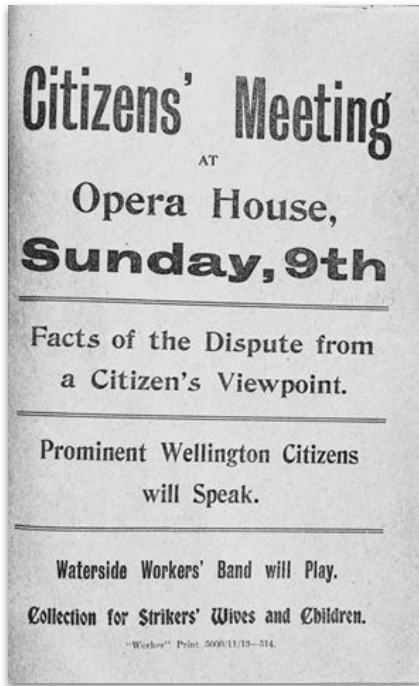
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Waterside Workers' Band will Play.

Collection for Strikers' Wives and Children.

"Worker" Print. 5000/11/13-14.





**Image:** This is a poster advertising an upcoming public meeting to discuss a general strike by wharf workers. They wanted the Government to “withdraw all armed troops at once.”

- Why do people come together to discuss an issue?
- What actions might be decided on in a meeting to get their voices heard by, and acted on, by government?
- Can you think of other examples in New Zealand’s history where people came together to discuss an issue that they wanted the Government to address?

Source: Alexander Turnbull Library Reference: PUBL-0062-02





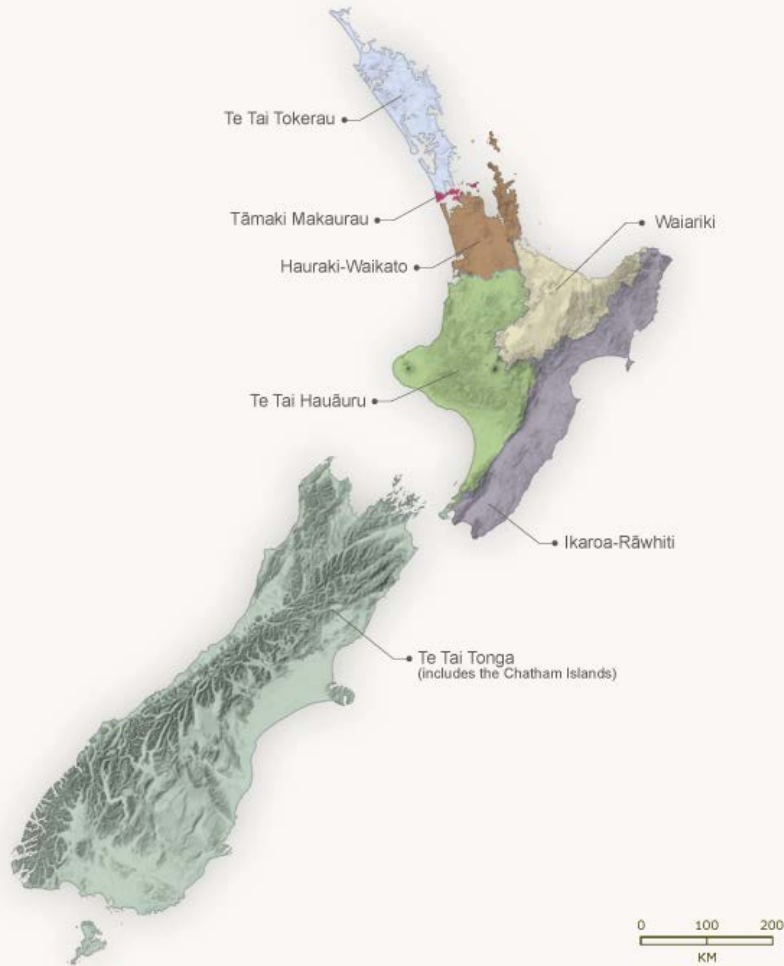


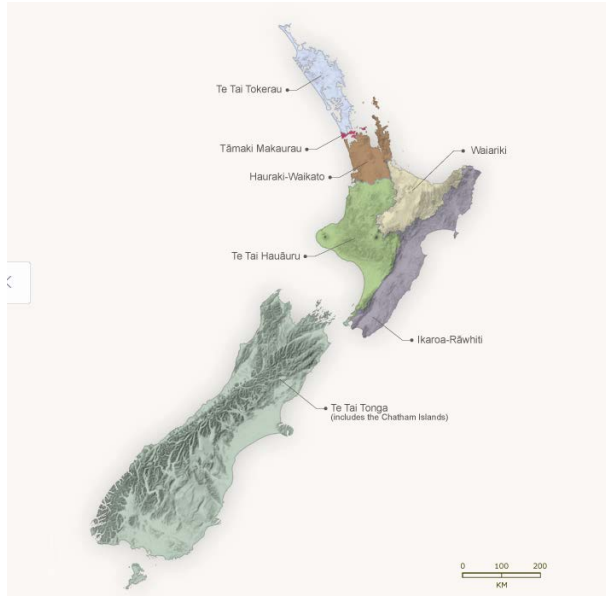
**Image:** This is a photo from 1980. It shows Māori pupils of Wellington Girls' College with a petition they created themselves.

- What is a petition?
- What does this petition ask for?
- How many people signed this petition?
- What kind of petition would you start at your school?

Source: National Library Reference: EP/1980/2467/24A-F







**Image:** This is a map of New Zealand showing the names and boundaries of the Māori electorates in 2023.

- What is an electorate?
- Why are some electorates larger than others?
- Do electorates ever change?
- Which electorate do you belong to?

**Source:** [Māori electorates map – Ngā māngai – Māori representation – Te Ara Encyclopedia of New Zealand](#)









**Image:** A general election voting sign with photos of four people, all in New Zealand.

- Which people in these photos do you think can vote?
- How did you decide who you think can vote?
- What determines whether a person can vote in New Zealand?

**Source:** iStock and the Electoral Commission





" I PREFERRED IT WHEN THEY JUST  
ARGUED AMONG THEMSELVES — AND  
LEFT US OUT OF IT! "

DAR  
CH.





**Image:** This is a political cartoon showing two people being approached by people with signs saying "Vote for me!"

- What is the message of this image?
- Who are the people with the signs?
- What are the people in the middle doing? Why?





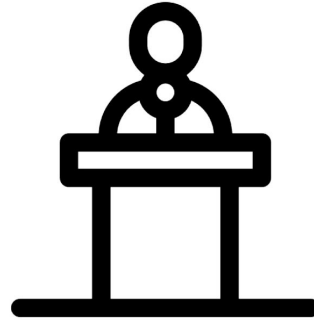
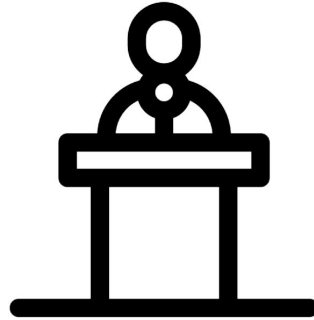
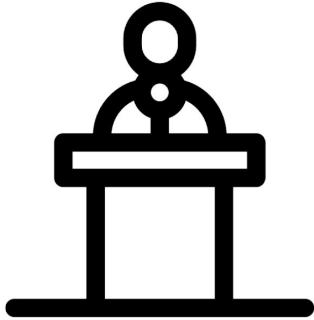
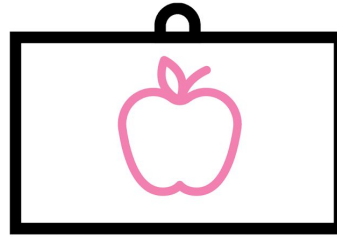
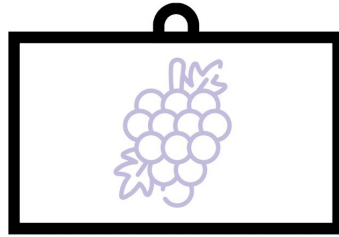
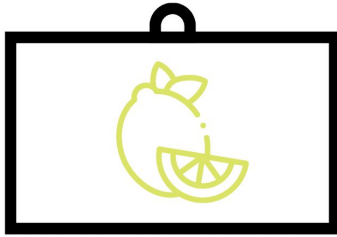


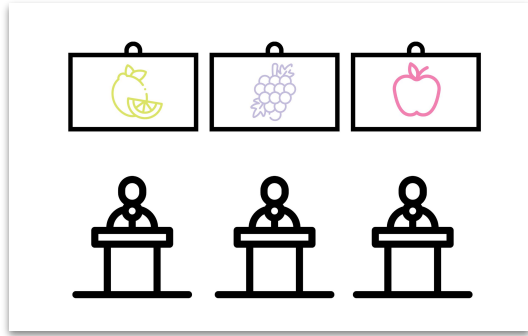
**Image:** This is a photo showing the inside of the debating chamber of New Zealand's House of Representatives in Parliament Buildings, Wellington.

- Who sits in the very front of the chamber (in the place where this photo is taken)?
- Who sits in the seats closest to the front of the chamber? Why?
- Who are the people up in the gallery? Why are they there?

**Source:** National Library **Reference:** EP/1996/0555/36A-F







**Image:** This image shows three people standing at lecterns on a stage facing an audience. Each of the three people on the stage have their own sign hanging above them.

- What do you think the different signs represent?
- Why are there multiple signs instead of one flag for all three people?
- Which system of government do you think this image represents?

Source: Freepik and Darius Dan





# LOCAL ELECTIONS 2019

INFRASTRUCTURE  
SPORTS FACILITIES **ROADS** DRINKING WATER  
PARKS AFFORDABLE RATES  
RUBBISH AND RECYCLING  
QUALITY CLEAN ENVIRONMENT  
SERVICES ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT



*What's important  
to your community?*





**Image:** This is a District Council poster advertising the 2019 Local Elections. It highlights some of the things that are decided and actioned by local government.

- What are local elections?
- What are the three different forms of government in New Zealand? What are they responsible for?
- Have there been any decisions made by your local government that you feel were great decisions? If so, why?

Source: Thames Coromandel District Council



# AM I MAD OR ARE THE PROPOSED ELECTORAL CHANGES PLAIN STUPID???

FPP HAS OBVIOUS ANOMALIES AND UNFAIRNESS  
But MMP

has simply not been thought through and is even worse than the FPP.  
Has anybody (including Peter Sturges) thought the following through?  
If so, they are certainly not promoting it.

## WE THE PUBLIC ARE JUST BEING TAKEN FOR A RIDE

Stupid anomalies people miss — especially the 100% MMP

1. A national referendum is being held on the proposed MMP system. This is a referendum on the proposed MMP system, not on the proposed MMP system. The proposed MMP system is a referendum on the proposed MMP system, not on the proposed MMP system.
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	Elect	Vote	Allocation of Seats	Party	Seats	Total
LAB	30	30	12	LAB	12	12
ALLIANCE	10	10	10	ALLIANCE	10	10
REF FRESH	60	60	78	REF FRESH	78	78

WHAT'S THE POINT OF THIS AD???

It is 100 years since women gained the vote.

It is 60 years since the first woman was elected to Parliament

We have only 15 women MPs, and 82 men MPs.

Women are still on the fringe of government.

Women make up over 50% of the population. In a democracy, all the people should be fairly represented.

Make Your Vote Count: Vote MMP

This leaflet has been produced jointly by:

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and  
The Electoral Reform Coalition  
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Donations welcome



# Women and MMP

Did you know...

Voting for change will have far-reaching consequences for our country. This vote represents the most important constitutional decision most of us will ever make.

MMP would increase the number of MPs to a minimum of 120. These additional MPs would cost at least an extra \$4.7 million per year\*. This figure does not even include hidden costs such as extra superannuation schemes and other luxuries.

More MPs, More Costs.



## The Electoral Reform Coalition

The ERC is a non-profit society. It was formed in 1993 to campaign for a better electoral system.



MMP: Did you know?

The Most Important Electoral Decision You'll Ever Make.



In this year's referendum you will be voting for the current electoral system or for MMP.

## The Royal Commission on the Electoral System

In 1984 the government set up a Royal Commission to study our voting system. It was chaired by the Honourable Mr Justice Wallace.

After a \$2 million, 2-year study, the Commission unanimously recommended MMP as "the best voting system for New Zealand's present and future needs." It said that MMP was fairer, it could give us better government, and should give all New Zealanders fair representation in Parliament.

Why MMP has 120 MPs

The Royal Commission argued for more MPs whatever the voting system. More MPs means fewer mistakes in law making, less power for Cabinet, and better representation for the people. Parliament agreed. But only for MMP.



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## Why you should vote for MMP

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Vote for a better Future

MMP

Mixed-Member Proportional

fair voting system

stable government

extra votes to be added to the system

proportional representation





**Image:** This image shows a collection of campaign materials for and against MMP.

- What is MMP?
- Under MMP, what are the two ways a political party gets to form the new government?
- What is FPP? And why did New Zealand change to MMP?





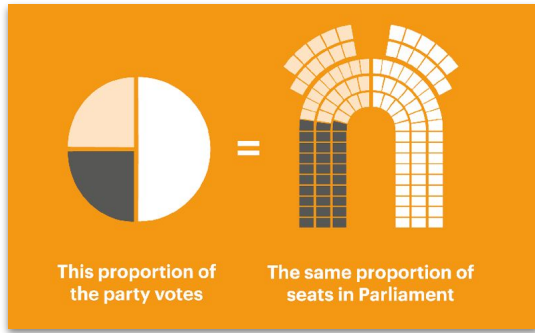
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**This proportion of  
the party votes**

**The same proportion of  
seats in Parliament**





**Image:** This illustration shows that parties with the biggest share of the party vote will get more seats in Parliament.

- What does this image illustrate in regard to New Zealand general elections?
- What is a “party vote”? What other type of vote do we get in New Zealand general elections?
- Why would you want your party to get the most seats in Parliament?







**Image:** This is a photo of a crowd of people in a city.

- How do the people in this picture look different from each other? How do they look the same?
- Many will have different beliefs and values to other groups of people. Why do people have different beliefs and values?
- How does New Zealand try to give people with different beliefs and values a say in how the country is run?







# EXPLORE, LEARN & LEAD

Do you want to make a difference?

Are you aged 15-23?

**TENNIS NZ | AUCKLAND YOUTH ADVISORY GROUP**

**APPLY NOW!**

Register your interest by the 15th May





**Image:** This is a Tennis NZ banner from 2022 advertising for youth to join a Youth Advisory Group.

- Who is this poster aimed at?
- Why would Tennis NZ want youth to have a say?
- How do you think they choose people for the Youth Advisory Group?

**Source:** Tennis NZ



**YOUR VOTE**

**YOUR VOICE**

**VOTE  
2022**

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// [VOTELocal.CO.NZ](https://vote.local.co.nz)

**HAVE YOUR SAY THIS ELECTION.**



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**Image:** Your Vote, Your Choice

Vote 2022 local elections

- Why is it important to vote in your local elections?
- Have there been any decisions made by your local government that you feel were great decisions? If so, why?

**Source:** Vote 2022 local elections







**Image:** This image is from the Electoral Commission advertising enrolling and voting in parliamentary elections.

Electoral Commission

- Why is it important that you enrol to vote?
- What other ways are there to have your voice heard on issues important to you?
- Find an example of one of the ways people have their voices heard. What was the issue? How were they making their voice heard? Were they successful?

Source: Electoral Commission







**Image:** This is an image a person standing at a lectern in front of lots of people.

- What do you think this is an image of? Who do you think the people in the image are?
- What qualities do you think leaders should have?
- How are leaders chosen in your school? In a sports club? In our country? In other countries?
- Do you think there is a fair and unfair way to choose leaders?

Source: iStock









**Image:** This is a photo of a person reading a newspaper called The Daily, with the headline Fake News.

- Where do you and your family members get information about what is happening in the world around you?
- What is fake news?
- How could fake news affect the outcome of a general or local election?
- Has this happened anywhere?

Source: iStock







**Image:** This is an image of a laptop with a news article inside it. On the laptop is a magnifying glass with a label on the handle that says “facts”.

- Where might you find fake news about politics and elections?
- What are some clues you can look out for that something might be fake news?
- Where should you go for reliable information?

Source: iStock







**Image:** This is a photo of a person placing their vote into a ballot box.

- Have you ever had to vote for a person to be the leader of something?
- Did they win? Did they do a good job? What might have happened if someone else had won the vote?
- Why is it important that everyone eligible to vote in general elections participates?
- What could happen if they do not vote? How long will they have to wait before they get another chance to vote for their chosen leader?



## Kanohi matara

Visionary



## Kaimahi

Worker



## He kaikōtuitui

Networker



## Kaiwhakarite

Manager

## Kaitiaki

Guardian

## Kaiarataki

Advocate





**Image:** This image has portraits of various rangatira. They are surrounded by the different roles of a good rangatira.

- What is a rangatira?
- How is a rangatira elected to Parliament?
- Why is it important for Māori to have rangatira in Parliament?

**Source:** Chris Hipkins, Flickr; Alexander Turnbull Library (**Reference:** PAColl-5584-58); Reserve Bank, Flickr









**Image:** This is a photo of a colony of ants working together on two leaves.

- What do you think the ants are doing? And why do you think they are doing it?
- How would a single ant get to the other leaf if it was on its own?
- What is more effective? Working together or alone?
- How does this relate to people in society?

