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Voting in the Citizens Initiated Referendum
31 July to 21 August 2009

ELECTIONS

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Between 31 July and 21 August you have the chance to vote in a Citizens Initiated Referendum on the question:

Should a smack as part of good parental correction be a criminal offence in New Zealand?

Voting is easy

To take part you:

- Must be enrolled
- Will get your voting paper sent to you in the mail
- Return your voting paper in the mail

Enrol now

You must be enrolled by Thursday 30 July to take part.

If you aren't enrolled or have moved house recently you need to enrol or update your details. Do it now.

Get an enrolment form from www.elections.org.nz, or by **Freetexting your name and address to 3676**, or from any **PostShop** or by calling **Freephone 0800 36 76 56**.

You can check and update your details at www.elections.org.nz.

If you need to correct your enrolment details you must do it by **Friday 10 July**.

To take part in the referendum you must be enrolled by **Thursday 30 July**.

When it all happens

You should get your voting paper by Friday 7 August 2009.

Make sure you mail it back before voting closes.

If posting in New Zealand make sure your voting paper is in a New Zealand Post mailbox by Thursday 20 August to ensure it gets to the Returning Officer in time.

If posting from overseas, the envelope needs to be postmarked on or before Thursday 20 August and received by the Returning Officer by Tuesday 25 August for your vote to count.

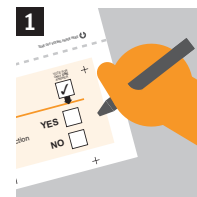
Going to be overseas?

If you're going to be overseas for all of the voting period you will need to arrange for your voting papers to be sent on to you. Visit www.elections.org.nz or **Freephone 0800 36 76 56** for more information.

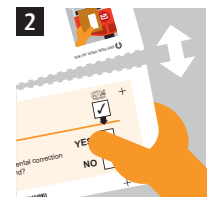
How to vote

If you are correctly enrolled, you will receive your voting paper by post in the first week of August.

Once you get your voting paper follow the four easy steps to vote:



Tick YES or NO on the voting paper



Tear off the voting paper and put it in the orange Freepost envelope



Make sure the Returning Officer's address on the back of the voting paper is showing through the window of the envelope



Post it in a New Zealand Post mailbox by Thursday 20 August 2009 to ensure it arrives on time

If you make a mistake, destroy, lose or don't receive your voting paper, visit www.elections.org.nz or **Freephone 0800 36 76 56** for advice on how to get a replacement voting paper.

What is a Citizens Initiated Referendum?

A Citizens Initiated Referendum gives everyone who is enrolled the opportunity to vote on a specific question. A referendum is held when at least 10 percent of the people enrolled to vote sign a petition calling for one.

The result

The preliminary referendum result will be announced after 7.00pm, Friday 21 August. The final result will be declared on 25 August after all votes received have been processed.

The result will be available from www.electionresults.govt.nz and www.elections.org.nz.

The results of citizens initiated referenda indicate the views held by voters on specific questions and are not binding on the Government.

Help for voters with a disability or those with English as a second language

If you need help to read or mark your voting paper you can ask anyone, including a friend or family member, to help you. If this information would help someone you know, please tell them about it.