



THE FAMILY PARTY

WRITTEN SUBMISSIONS FOR:

**ALLOCATION OF TIME AND MONEY FOR THE FAMILY PARTY FOR
BROADCASTING OF ELECTION PROGRAMMES**

2008 GENERAL ELECTION

The Family Party
PO Box 43064
Mangere East 2024
Auckland
www.familyparty.org.nz

THE FAMILY PARTY

WRITTEN SUBMISSIONS FOR:

ALLOCATION OF TIME AND MONEY FOR THE FAMILY PARTY FOR BROADCASTING OF ELECTION PROGRAMMES

2008 GENERAL ELECTION

1. Introduction

This brief written submission is made in accordance with the rules set out by the Electoral Commission and the Broadcasting Act 1989 to obtain airtime and funding for broadcasting at the 2008 general election.

The Family Party aims to set out the grounds upon which it qualifies for airtime and funding with relevant evidence in support.

2. Status

The Broadcasting Act requires that in order for a party to be eligible for airtime and funding, that it must be registered on the Register of Political Parties.

The Family Party was registered with the Electoral Commission on 17th December 2007 and will continue to be registered at the dissolution of Parliament for the 2008 General Election.

3. Background

The Family Party formed in 2007 with the aim of contesting the 2008 General Election and beyond.

The Family Party is presently New Zealand's only registered 'Christian' political party and aims to appeal to the wider Christian community that according to Statistics NZ data, comprises at least half of New Zealand's population in terms of religious affiliation.

4. Particular Matters in Support of this Submission

As this is the first General Election that the party will contest, eligibility relates primarily to the criteria set out in Sections 75(2)(e) and (f), which refer to indications of public support for that political party such as the number of persons who are members of that political party; and the need to provide a fair opportunity for each political party to convey its policies to the public by the broadcasting of election programmes on television.

Total Family Party financial members as at 16 April 2008 are contained in the attached Statutory Declaration submitted by Anne Williamson, the party secretary. This information is submitted to the Commission in confidence.

These memberships demonstrate a very strong public support base.

5. FAMILY PARTY Candidates and Party List

The Family Party intends to stand electorate candidates as well as a strong party list and has already confirmed candidates for Mangere, Manukau East and East Coast Bays.

6. Fair Opportunity

The Family Party submits that while it is a relatively new party, it has achieved a fair level of public awareness and support, most recently having featured on *TV One News* with its Mangere Candidate and intentions to strongly contest the electorate. Party Leader Richard Lewis and Deputy Leader (Former MP) Paul Adams have received a fair amount of coverage in Christian and mainstream media. To that end, the party deserves a fair opportunity to accurately communicate its political message during the election campaign through airtime and funding.

Family Party policies are comprehensive, wide ranging, and deserving of the opportunity to present its policies during the election period through airtime and funding.

7. Concluding

The Family Party sincerely thanks the Commission for the opportunity to make this submission for airtime and funding. The party undertakes to use its allocation of airtime and funding in accordance with all rules and any additional direction that the Commission may deem appropriate.

APPENDIX OF CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

1. Declaration of party memberships by Anne Williamson, Party Secretary.

Anne Williamson
Secretary
The Family Party