

# Policy Remit Form 2025



*Submissions are to be received by the Party Secretary by no later than **5pm on the 26 July 2025**. The Remit report will be distributed to attendees and committees on 13 August. Email to [admin@nzfirst.nz](mailto:admin@nzfirst.nz).*

*Policy Remits are general policy proposals that are debated and voted on at a Party Convention. Please note that the remit committee may make changes or logically group similar remits together.*

*Remits wording should be to the point with sufficient background provided by the remit sponsor. Attendees will have their opportunity to speak for or against a remit. The remit sponsor shall have 2 minutes to speak, with a supporter and opposer also having 2 minutes. Additional supporters and opposers may be called by the session chairperson but their speaking slot is limited to 1 minute. Speakers may also call for an amendment, which shall be voted on before moving to accept the amended remit. Email this form to [admin@nzfirst.nz](mailto:admin@nzfirst.nz)*

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Remit proposal	THAT NEW ZEALAND FIRST: <b>ENACT BINDING REFERENDUMS – IMPROVE NZ'S DEMOCRACY</b>
Background	<p><b>Objective:</b> Empower citizens and NZ First's credibility through binding statutory referendums and accessible public participation platforms – as based on Sweden's Governance model.</p> <p><b>Key features:</b> Organize mandatory, binding referendums on critical issues. Example genetic technology, personal health, exiting the UN; W.H.O all subject to a national interest test Development of digital platforms for public consultation to influence policy and legislation</p> <p><b>Impact:</b> These reforms will ensure major decisions reflect public views will enhance democratic legitimacy and participation. Sweden's governance model praised by the OECD for its independent administrative bodies, ensures public trust through institutional autonomy.</p> <p><b>Legal independence:</b> separating legal and political powers enhances the credibility of legal institutions and aligns with democratic principles. An independent Attorney General would align with global best practices for separating legal and political powers.</p> <p><b>References:</b> <a href="#">The Swedish Model of Government – Article 1</a> <a href="#">The Swedish Model of Government – Article 2</a> <a href="#">OECD (2021)</a> <a href="#">Swedish Government Society</a></p>

