

## NEW ZEALAND ELECTION STUDY TOUR REPORT

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The opportunity to visit New Zealand during their recent Election was most rewarding and has provided me with extensive experience of an election campaign from New Zealand National Party's Head Office, various regional offices as well as various campaign sites.

While I have been a member of the Australian National Party for four years and was a candidate in the recent Federal Election for the seat of McMillan, I did not gain the insight nor the experience that I gained in 16 days in New Zealand.

The opportunity to campaign with five different candidates provides insight into differences between Australia and New Zealand, metropolitan and rural, as well as individual and personality differences.

While there were many similarities, human hoardings was a new experience. Standing on the street corner at 7am in the morning, in the cold, trying to hold onto a sign leaves a memorable impression.

The opportunity to meet various people involved in the National Party was also rewarding as well as the ability to discuss and compare policies and explore the opportunities and disadvantages for New Zealand being a significantly smaller country with less government revenue.

As I prepare for pre-selection for the National Party in the Victorian seat of Morwell, the study tour of New Zealand has been most rewarding and positive.

### Schedule

15/7/02	Arrive in Auckland
16/7/02	Auckland National Party Office Meet with Liberal and Democrat participants Travel to Hamilton Regional Office
17/7/02	Hamilton Regional Office Meet with Mr Bob Simcock MP Visit Poly-Tech
18/7/02	Day with Mr Lindsay Tisch MP Visit Local Government Primary School visit Local Resident meeting Meet the Candidates meeting
19/7/02	Day with Mr Tony Steele Letter Drop Campaign meeting Lunch meeting with Mr Bob Simcock MP and Mr Tony Steele Street walk Watch debate with National Party members
20/7/02	Market/stall (Mr Bob Simcock MP) Street corner meeting (Mr Bob Simcock MP)
21/7/02	Travel to Wellington
22/7/02	7am Human Hoardings (Hieka Paratta)

Poly-Tech Teachers Campus  
 Parliament House, meeting with Mr Malcolm Fearn (past National Party  
 State Director and Chief of Staff in NZ)  
 Human Hoardings  
 Meet with Peter Ryan (Victorian State Leader)  
 Travel to Christchurch  
 23/7/02 Christchurch Regional Office  
 Tour Christchurch Business District  
 24/7/02 7am Human Hoardings  
 Visit Regional Areas  
 Street Walking  
 Street Walking throughout electorate  
 Meeting Businesses  
 Pamphlet Drop  
 25/7/02 7am Human Hoardings  
 Regional Area's Street Walking  
 Vehicle Parade  
 Street Meeting with National Leader  
 Regional Town Meeting on Waste Water  
 Visit Workman's Club and local hotel  
 26/7/02 7am Human Hoardings  
 Street Walking/ Meeting Businesses  
 Lunch with Prominent Business Investor  
 Meeting with Mill Workers  
 Dinner with Young Nationals  
 Street Walking/Shopping Centre  
 27/7/02 Polling Booth 8.30am to 8.00pm  
 Dinner with Dan Gordon and Campaign Members  
 Regional Event with National MP's and Candidates  
 29/7/02 Visits to Regional Areas  
 30/7/02 Debriefing with Dan Gordon  
 Visit Regional Office  
 31/7/02 Depart for Australia