

## **OPEN GOVERNMENT PARTNERSHIP SURVEY**

### **Introductory note (not part of survey)**

The attached survey has been developed to canvass feedback from New Zealanders on what they understand by 'open government' and what aspects of 'openness' they value the most.

The purpose of gathering this feedback is to test assumptions about the importance of work on open government, and to help provide (along with what we already know) a basis on which to establish work priorities.

The focus on New Zealanders is deliberate: we want to reach beyond the 'usual suspects' (typically groups that exist to promote a particular interest, including civil society organisations) to hear the voice of individuals who are both citizens and 'customers' of government services in the broadest sense.

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### Background information

New Zealand belongs to an inter-governmental partnership on open government which commits New Zealand to:

1. Increase the availability of government-held information (**transparency**)
2. Support civic participation in decision making (**participation**)
3. Implement the highest standards of professional integrity in government administration (**integrity**)
4. Increase access to new technologies for openness and accountability (**technology**).

In particular, it requires New Zealand to develop a 'national action plan' every two years on what steps will be taken to promote the above.

Successive governments in New Zealand have worked hard to make government processes open for New Zealanders in these terms. As a result, New Zealand is generally seen as having one of the most open government systems in the world. The present Government is pursuing a range of reforms which aim to put New Zealanders more at a centre of how services are delivered.

Such activity provides a broad base on which New Zealand's biennial national action plans are developed. New Zealand's current national plan comprises work on:

- Enabling New Zealanders' most common transactions with government to be completed in a digital environment
- Making government data sets available online
- Addressing processes and practices relating to the transparency of parliamentary proceedings, campaign finance and government procurement
- Developing engagement processes between government and community groups.

### Completing the survey

To complete the survey, click on the link below and follow the steps shown. We would particularly value you providing comments where these are needed to explain or expand on a point you would like to make.

From time to time, we intend to draw on survey results for public communication purposes. In doing so, we will not attribute any information to you without your prior, express approval, as recorded in the survey.

Thank you for your time in completing this survey.

**What is open government?**

What makes government 'open' in your view?

Click the **three** words that best describe openness for you

- Transparent
- Timely
- Trustworthy
- Inclusive
- Technology
- Consultative
- Accountable
- Responsive

If there are other words you would prefer to use to describe open government please note them here

**What aspects open government are the most important?**

What is the relative importance of different aspects of open government for you?

Please rank the following where 4 is most important and 1 least important. Click only one number for each aspect.

	1	2	3	4
Availability of information	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Participation in decision-making	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Integrity of government administration	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Use of technology	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

If there are other aspects of open government not mentioned that are equally or more important to you please note them here

**What actions under New Zealand's national action plan are the most important?**

What is the relative importance of the following actions for you?

Please rank the following where 4 is most important and 1 least important. Click only one number for each aspect.

	1	2	3	4
Enabling New Zealanders' most common transactions with government to be completed in a digital environment	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Making government data sets available online	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Addressing processes and practices relating to the transparency of parliamentary proceedings, campaign finance and government procurement	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Developing engagement processes between government and community groups	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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**Have you been consulted by the Government on something?**

Did you give feedback directly (either orally or in writing)?

Yes

No

Did you give your views via an intermediary, e.g. a membership organisation?

Yes

No

If you have answered 'Yes' to one of these questions, please rate the quality of your experience on a scale of 1-5, where 1 is the least favourable and 5 the most favourable. Click on one of the following

1    2    3    4    5

Please comment on the reason for your rating

**How would you prefer to give your views on possible actions to promote more open government?**

Please rank the following where 4 is most important and 1 least important. Click only one number for each aspect

<u>Aspect</u>	1	2	3	4
Online survey	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Email drop box	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Face to face meeting	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
By intermediary, e.g. membership organisation	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

If there are other preferred means not mentioned please note them here