

## Māori Electoral Option Messages

### What is the Māori Electoral Option?

- It is when Māori voters can choose to be on the Māori roll or the general roll.
- It's an important choice because it will decide which roll you will be on for the next two general elections.

### What's the difference between the two rolls?

- If you're on the Māori roll you'll vote for a candidate in a Māori electorate at the next general election.
- If you're on the general roll you'll vote for a candidate in a general electorate at the next general election.
- **It doesn't affect** your party vote - you'll be able to choose from the same list of political parties, no matter which roll you are on.

### Is the Māori Option linked to the number of Māori electorates in Parliament?

- The number of Māori on the Māori roll at the end of the Option may affect the number of Māori electorates - it could mean that the number of Māori electorates increases, decreases or stays the same.

### When can I make my choice?

- **You can make your choice from now until 2 August 2018**
- If you're enrolled to vote, you should have received an information pack addressed to you in the mail
- It will tell you which roll you're on.
- If you're happy with the roll you're on, you don't need to do anything.
- If you want to change rolls, you'll need to sign the letter and get it back to us.

### What if I don't get a pack?

- Don't worry if you don't get a pack. If you're Māori, and 18 or older, you can still take part in the Option by filling in a new enrolment form.
- You can go to [maorionoption.org.nz](http://maorionoption.org.nz) to get an enrolment form.
- The website has lots of information about the Option.
- Talk to your friends and family, think about which roll you want to be on, so you're ready when the Option opens to make your choice.

### I'm here today – can I fill in a form and make my choice today?

- Only if you're enrolling for the first time.
- **But if you're already enrolled, you can make your choice now and up until 2 August 2018**
- The best thing to do is to wait for your information pack if you know you are already enrolled to come in the mail – If it does not arrive ring 0800 36 76 56
- It's easy to get your form back to us – you'll be able to upload it to the website [maorionoption.org.nz](http://maorionoption.org.nz)