

House of Representatives

Amendment Paper

Electoral Amendment Bill

Proposed amendments

Vanushi Walters, in Committee, to move the following amendments:

Clause 4

In *clause 4(1)*, new definition of **adult**, replace “18 years” (page 10, line 17) with “16 years”.

After *clause 4(2)* (page 10, after line 21), insert:

- (3) In section 3(1), definition of **Māori electoral population**, replace “18 years” with “16 years”.

Clause 5

After *clause 5(2)* (page 11, after line 11), insert:

- (2A) In section 60(f), replace “18 years” with “16 years”.

New clauses 6A and 6B

After *clause 6* (page 11, after line 24), insert:

6A Section 77 amended (Exercise of Māori option)

- (1) In section 77, heading above subsection (1), replace “17-year-olds” with “15-year-olds”.
- (2) In section 77(1), replace “17 years” with “15 years”.

6B Section 82 amended (Compulsory registration of electors)

Replace section 82(2) with:

- (2) Any person aged 15 years or older, but under 16 years, may apply to the Electoral Commission for registration as an elector, and that person is not then required to apply for registration as an elector on attaining the age of 16 years.

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Clause 8

In *clause 8, new section 89(1A)*, replace “who is aged 17 years and who attains the age of 18 years” (page 12, lines 8 and 9) with “who is aged 15 years and who attains the age of 16 years”.

New clause 8A

After *clause 8* (page 12, after line 25), insert:

8A Section 92 amended (Notification of death of registered elector)

In section 92(1), replace “17 years” with “15 years”.

Clause 12

In *clause 12, new section 86A(1)(a)*, replace “17 years” (page 14, line 6) with “15 years”.

In *clause 12, new section 86AB(2)(a)(i)*, replace “18 years” (page 14, line 27) with “16 years”.

In *clause 12, new section 86AB(2)(a)(ii)*, replace “17 years, but under 18 years” (page 14, line 34) with “15 years, but under 16 years”.

In *clause 12, new section 86C(1)(a)(i)*, replace “18 years” (page 15, line 32) with “16 years”.

In *clause 12, new section 86C(1)(a)(ii)*, replace “17 years, but under 18 years” (page 15, line 38) with “15 years, but under 16 years”.

In *clause 12, new section 86H(1)(a)*, replace “17 years” (page 17, line 22) with “15 years”.

In *clause 12, new section 86H(2)(a)(i)*, replace “18 years” (page 17, line 32) with “16 years”.

In *clause 12, new section 86H(2)(a)(ii)*, replace “17 years, but under 18 years” (page 18, line 1) with “15 years, but under 16 years”.

Clause 22

In *clause 22*, insert as subclause (1) (page 20, after line 34):

(1) In section 263B(2), replace “17 years” with “15 years”.

Clause 25

In *clause 25, new section 89CA(5)*, replace “17 years” (page 23, line 1) with “15 years”.

Clause 28

After *clause 28(4)* (page 24, after line 37), insert:

(5) In section 89D(7)(a), replace “17 years” with “15 years”.

New clause 130A

After *clause 130* (page 55, after line 8), insert:

Reserved provisions

130A Section 268 amended (Restriction on amendment or repeal of certain provisions)

In section 268(e), replace “18 years” with “16 years”.

New clause 137A

After *clause 137* (page 55, after line 32), insert:

137A Section 7 amended (Disqualification)

After section 7(b), insert:

(c) any one who is under the age of 18 years.

Explanatory note

This Amendment Paper amends the Electoral Amendment Bill to lower the voting age to 16.