

Leighton Baker Party (LBP)

Established: 10 February 2023

Statement Of Purpose:

Every person in New Zealand has value. They must have the right to express their thoughts and beliefs and participate in society.

The Government's role in society is to provide an environment where individuals have the opportunity to reach their full potential.

Government's role is to support, encourage and protect, not to control.

We stand for the following principles of governance:

1. Freedom of speech – diversity of thought and opinion.
2. Equality under the law – no second-class citizens!
3. True democracy – government of the people, by the people, for the people.
4. A Bill of Rights that protects all citizens from the overreach of government.
5. Government accountability – careful use of taxpayers' money.
6. Policy that is best for New Zealand - not international interests or organisations.
7. Smaller central government and local decision making.
8. Protection for our environment and careful stewardship of our resources.
9. Education not indoctrination – academic freedom and evidence-based policy.
10. Personal responsibility where people are free to make individual choices.

Leighton Baker Party Rules

1. Party Name:

The name of the party is Leighton Baker Party hereinafter referred to as LBP.

2. Purpose:

The purpose of the party is to contest the 2023 General Election by winning enough votes to meet the 5% threshold. LBP will submit a party list to contest the party vote.

3. Roles:

Leighton Baker is the leader of LBP and management of the party will be undertaken by committee. All appointments to the committee and party membership will be at the discretion of Leighton Baker. (If Leighton Baker is unable to carry out his role the party membership will elect a new leader).

4. Membership:

Membership shall be open to any person who wishes to further the interests of LBP and who pays a yearly subscription of \$20.00. Membership is at the discretion of the LBP Management Committee. Members must sign up to the founding principles of the party when applying for membership.

Only eligible voters can become members of LBP and must be,

- a New Zealand citizen or permanent resident
- aged 18 years or more, and
- have lived at some time in New Zealand continuously for one year or more

5. Management Committee:

The LBP Management Committee will be made up of people appointed by Leighton Baker. In addition, a Party Secretary and Auditor will be appointed to LBP for compliance purposes and to provide an annual statutory declaration confirming continuing eligibility for registration, filing party donations and loans returns, authorising party election advertising, and filing the party expenses return. under the Electoral Act.

6. Candidates:

Candidates for the party list will be appointed by Leighton Baker in consultation with the LBP Management Committee.

Individuals of good character and areas of expertise stand in electorates to represent New Zealand voters. All candidates must be current party members and agree to LBP's founding principles and statement of purpose (SOP).

LBP MPs pledge to vote in parliament in ways that support the party's principles and values but are free to represent their own electorates with a range of views and opinions.

Candidates who bring the party into disrepute can be removed at the discretion of the LBP Management Committee. MPs who do not adequately represent their electorates or bring the party into disrepute will not be selected to stand for the party in subsequent elections.

7. Finances:

All funds of LBP shall be deposited into the party's bank account. Joint signing authority will be used for payment of amounts over \$500. Party Account statements will be prepared by 31st December annually.

8. Dissolution:

If, on the winding up of the party, any property remains after satisfaction of the debts and liabilities and the costs, charges, and expenses of that winding up, that property shall be distributed for charitable purposes determined by the members.

