



Tōpūtanga Tapuhi
Kaitiaki o Aotearoa

**NEW ZEALAND NURSES
ORGANISATION**

2026 Report from Remit Committee

to

Hui ā-Tau

NZNO AGM

Committee members for 2026 are

- Paul Goulter, Chief Executive Officer
 - Kerri Nuku, Kaiwhakahaere
 - Anne Daniels, President
 - Isla Taunoa, Te Poari member
 - Nano Tunnickliff, National Executive member
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Policy Remit 1: received from Pōneke Wellington Local Organising Group

THAT NZNO supports a change of government at the 2026 General Election

The Remit Committee considered the following as set out in the Constitution:

- 17.4.1 *If the matter is already in an existing policy or requires more research the submitter of the remit will be notified of this and may alter or clarify the remit.*

The position outlined in the remit is new to NZNO. Previously, NZNO's position has been to not support or affiliate with any political party, and this continues to be prohibited within NZNO's constitution (clause 8.2). Guidance has taken the form of comparing party policy statements to NZNO's position. The Committee noted the remit does not recommend voting for any political party, and members are free to exercise their democratic right as they see fit.

- 17.4.2 *That the remit aligns with NZNO Vision, Mission, Values and Objectives statements.*

The Committee agreed there is alignment to NZNO's Vision, Mission, Values, and Objectives. The Committee accepted that health is political, and with a government implementing policies that are harmful to NZNO members and challenging the ability for patients and whānau to stay healthy and engage with the health system, it is important that NZNO seek to fulfil its mission of advancing freedom of members and equitable health outcomes in Aotearoa, including through political activism. It is consistent with Maranga Mai!

- 17.4.3 *That possible risks associated with the remit, and consequences of the remit both intended and unintended are identified.*

The remit addressed the potential risk of dissatisfaction among NZNO members who do not agree with the outcome of the ballot of NZNO members, noting that this risk is similar to the risks posed by all decisions determined through the balloting of NZNO members. The Committee determined this risk also exists in other situations that result in a decision via member ballot.

The Committee identified an unintended risk not covered by the remit, and that was the risk posed by the remit being rejected in the member ballot and the opportunity that may provide politicians to use against NZNO.

- 17.4.4 *That the impact of the proposed remit including financial impact is identified.*

The remit did not have a financial impact for NZNO.