

## Political Party Engagement

The NZNO strategic aims 2011-2015 are:

- to be a lead voice for Māori health in Aotearoa New Zealand
- to be a lead voice for nursing, and health
- to be the lead voice enabling healthy populations in Aotearoa New Zealand
- to achieve fair remuneration and safe working conditions for all members
- to protect the interests of NZNO membership and uphold organisation values
- to embrace Te Tiriti o Waitangi
- to play a leading role in working women's advocacy and
- to oppose injustice and inequality wherever it impacts upon the health and wellbeing of New Zealanders.

To make gains in these areas NZNO and its members must engage with all New Zealanders, from grassroots community organisations to our elected decision-makers. NZNO will inform and advocate courageously in all settings associated with health, wellness and socio-political debates.

NZNO is not affiliated with any political party.

NZNO is therefore obliged to demonstrate authority and leadership that:

- identifies, supports and campaigns on issues reflecting our strategic aims and members aspirations
- establishes and maintains formal and informal relationships with political parties and other stakeholders; openly engages, discusses and informs membership of political party portfolios
- encourages informed debate and political accountability with memberships active participation in the above relationships
- identifies and dialogues with community allies
- educates members on the power of activism in a participatory democracy.

### References

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#### Mission statement

NZNO is committed to the representation of members and the promotion of nursing and midwifery. NZNO embraces Te Tiriti o Waitangi and works to improve the health status of all peoples of Aotearoa/ New Zealand through participation in health and social policy development.

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