



Who are we?

The Republic Movement is a nationwide campaign group founded in 1994. Our members come from across the political spectrum and all agree that it is time New Zealand became a republic.

We want to replace the monarchy with a democratically elected New Zealander as our head of State.

The Republican Movement is committed to:

- *Involving all New Zealanders in the debate.*
- *Providing relevant and reliable information.*
- *Focusing on ideas, not personalities.*
- *Winning a referendum to establish the republic*

A republic does not mean we have to change the flag, leave the Commonwealth or annul the Treaty of Waitangi.

Join Online

We provide our members with a regular newsletter detailing our campaign for a republic.

We encourage all members and supporters to contribute their creativity and ideas to the republican cause.

We are a democratic organisation. We are committed to fairness, honesty and openness.

If you don't have a membership form with this brochure, then call, mail or email us for one.

Or you can join online at:

www.republic.org.nz/join

If you have any other questions, please contact us at the addresses below.

Republican Movement

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**Do you want a
New Zealander
as your head of
State?**

**Join the
Debate.**

**Join the
Republic.**

**Join the Republican
Movement and help
make it happen.**

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What is a republic?

A **republic** is a state where the basis of power is the will of the people. Leaders are either directly elected or are in turn appointed by elected leaders. A political figure cannot inherit power. They govern only with the consent of the people.

A republic will make New Zealand more democratic. It will demonstrate our independence to the world and represent our unique national identity. The Republic of New Zealand will reflect and enhance the democratic traditions of New Zealand and its people.

There are many different types of republics – Presidential (the United States) Semi-Presidential (France) or Parliamentary (Ireland). Every country creates its own type of republic based on its historical traditions and political needs.

The Republican Movement believes the sort of republic New Zealand becomes should be chosen by New Zealanders.

How do we get there?

We believe that any change to a republic should only come from a **binding referendum**. Achieving and winning that referendum are our two main aims.

We do this by:

- *Talking to MP's and political leaders about the republican issue.*
- *Drafting legislation to enact a referendum on republicanism and creating a republic.*
- *Encouraging people to join the Republican Movement and contribute their time and creativity.*
- *Distributing a regular newsletter to members, the media, politicians and community leaders*
- *Organising and taking part in public and media events that inform people and publicise republicanism.*

Join the Republic

We want people to get involved in the republic debate. A republic is about New Zealand becoming a more inclusive society.

Help promote a republic:

- *Join the Republican Movement and keep informed about the debate*
- *Talk to your colleagues, friends and family about republicanism. Involve them in the debate.*
- *Check our 'job listings' online. We need all kinds of skills and experiences. Tell us what you can contribute.*
- *Arrange for a debate on republicanism at your club, school or organisation*
- *Help set up a special group or local branch of the organisation.*
- *Improve the standard of political debate in New Zealand.*

