

Who are we?

The Republican 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.

The Republican Movement wants 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

Creating a republic does not require an end to Commonwealth membership, a change to our flag. The Treaty of Waitangi would remain our founding document.

How to Join

Membership of the Republican Movement is just \$10 a year, and all new members get a free book and bumper sticker, and our monthly newsletter, *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.

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**It's time for a
republic.**

**Join the
Republican
Movement.**

What is a republic?

A **republic** is a state whose head of state is not a monarch and in modern times is elected democratically. It is a state where the government's actions are bound by a constitution.

A republican believes that power comes from the people, and governments should govern only with the consent of the people within the law. We believe our representatives should be either directly or indirectly elected. A political office should not be an inherited position.

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 kind of republic we choose is up to us - but a republic of New Zealand will reflect and enhance the democratic traditions of New Zealand and its people.

How do we create a republic?

Change should only come from a binding referendum. Achieving and winning that referendum are the two main aims of our campaign.

We do this by:

- *Talking to MP's and political leaders about the republic issue.*
- *Supporting 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 Republican Movement

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 republican group or local group in your electorate.*

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