

## **General election delayed**

It was announced, after a period of consultation with party leaders and the Electoral Commission, that the New Zealand General Election would be delayed to 17 October 2020.

The decision to delay comes after a resurgence of COVID-19 cases in Auckland in mid-August and after the dissolution of parliament was delayed from 12 August 2020.

Having an election amid the current pandemic was always probable, but the latest change of alert levels has added some challenges and the delay allows time for the Electoral Commission to make preparations, such as finding more spaces for early voting.

It is promised that the date will not move again in order to provide certainty amid disruption for both the parties campaigning and also the general public.

Parliament will dissolve on 6 September 2020 and advance voting will start 3 October 2020.

Resources:

Election to be held on 17 October <<https://www.beehive.govt.nz/release/election-be-held-17-october>> 17 August 2020