

Declaration of result of Citizens Initiated Referendum

I declare the result of the referendum taken over the period commencing on 31 July 2009 and ending on 21 August 2009 on the question “Should a smack as part of good parental correction be a criminal offence in New Zealand?” to be as follows:

Votes received for the response Yes: 201,541

Votes received for the response No: 1,470,755

The number of informal votes is: 10,421

The votes received for each response and the number of informal votes for each district is as follows:

Electorate	No. of electors on the roll	Total votes received	% Turnout	Valid Votes				Invalid votes
				Total valid votes received	For the Response Yes	For the Response No	Informal votes	
Auckland Central	44,153	20,214	45.78%	20,196	5,898	14,075	223	18
Bay of Plenty	45,222	30,185	66.75%	30,176	2,210	27,844	122	9
Botany	42,390	24,181	57.04%	24,173	2,206	21,874	93	8
Christchurch Central	41,756	20,968	50.22%	20,908	3,476	17,283	149	60
Christchurch East	43,027	25,371	58.97%	25,305	2,751	22,418	136	66
Clutha-Southland	42,625	26,827	62.94%	26,793	1,942	24,754	97	34
Coromandel	45,245	29,932	66.16%	29,927	2,490	27,307	130	5
Dunedin North	40,518	20,478	50.54%	20,468	4,065	16,173	230	10
Dunedin South	45,258	28,207	62.32%	28,185	3,243	24,729	213	22
East Coast	40,664	24,121	59.32%	24,095	2,130	21,859	106	26
East Coast Bays	44,957	26,807	59.63%	26,790	2,742	23,907	141	17
Epsom	48,138	25,374	52.71%	25,364	4,752	20,384	228	10
Hamilton East	42,872	23,641	55.14%	23,627	3,169	20,276	182	14
Hamilton West	43,680	24,191	55.38%	24,177	2,365	21,710	102	14
Helensville	45,865	28,032	61.12%	28,015	2,574	25,327	114	17
Hunua	43,244	27,318	63.17%	27,305	1,963	25,223	119	13
Hutt South	42,744	22,657	53.01%	22,612	3,527	18,912	173	45
Ilam	45,382	25,364	55.89%	25,288	3,832	21,242	214	76
Invercargill	44,590	26,811	60.13%	26,805	2,023	24,685	97	6
Kaikōura	44,049	28,611	64.95%	28,596	2,407	26,008	181	15
Mana	42,965	22,236	51.75%	22,174	3,738	18,251	185	62
Māngere	36,865	14,191	38.49%	14,183	2,432	11,677	74	8
Manukau East	39,597	16,026	40.47%	16,019	2,532	13,396	91	7
Manurewa	37,070	16,403	44.25%	16,392	1,946	14,376	70	11
Maungakiekie	45,014	22,692	50.41%	22,677	3,567	18,985	125	15
Mt Albert	44,400	21,238	47.83%	21,222	4,898	16,112	212	16
Mt Roskill	44,746	22,543	50.38%	22,523	3,132	19,274	117	20
Napier	43,843	26,927	61.42%	26,911	2,514	24,251	146	16
Nelson	45,229	26,896	59.47%	26,886	4,122	22,572	192	10
New Lynn	44,409	24,269	54.65%	24,257	3,799	20,294	164	12
New Plymouth	44,705	26,935	60.25%	26,921	2,351	24,446	124	14
North Shore	47,842	28,126	58.79%	28,106	4,153	23,736	217	20

Northcote	44,844	24,920	55.57%	24,906	3,447	21,268	191	14
Northland	43,293	27,373	63.23%	27,358	2,390	24,805	163	15
Ōhariu	45,792	25,119	54.85%	25,047	4,980	19,779	288	72
Ōtaki	46,518	28,758	61.82%	28,731	3,035	25,487	209	27
Pakuranga	45,245	27,560	60.91%	27,535	2,608	24,814	113	25
Palmerston North	43,287	24,863	57.44%	24,850	2,917	21,718	215	13
Papakura	41,957	24,154	57.57%	24,142	2,037	22,006	99	12
Port Hills	44,487	25,256	56.77%	25,233	4,616	20,354	263	23
Rangitata	47,473	30,597	64.45%	30,557	2,320	28,118	119	40
Rangitīkei	41,415	26,433	63.82%	26,420	2,127	24,153	140	13
Rimutaka	43,566	24,936	57.24%	24,897	2,926	21,830	141	39
Rodney	46,219	30,544	66.09%	30,520	2,735	27,621	164	24
Rongotai	45,713	21,779	47.64%	21,710	6,370	15,073	267	69
Rotorua	42,371	25,342	59.81%	25,322	1,990	23,209	123	20
Selwyn	44,450	28,995	65.23%	28,928	2,928	25,832	168	67
Tāmaki	47,490	27,052	56.96%	27,030	3,910	22,906	214	22
Taranaki-King Country	40,815	26,267	64.36%	26,260	1,907	24,267	86	7
Taupō	45,077	27,874	61.84%	27,869	2,033	25,723	113	5
Tauranga	46,140	29,461	63.85%	29,443	2,515	26,789	139	18
Te Atatū	41,871	22,797	54.45%	22,782	2,480	20,193	109	15
Tukituki	44,138	26,795	60.71%	26,786	2,530	24,116	140	9
Waikato	40,604	26,173	64.46%	26,167	1,832	24,215	120	6
Waimakariri	46,026	29,608	64.33%	29,551	2,355	27,071	125	57
Wairarapa	45,630	28,587	62.65%	28,550	2,456	25,920	174	37
Waitakere	40,522	21,837	53.89%	21,829	2,706	19,007	116	8
Waitaki	48,451	31,931	65.90%	31,907	2,434	29,277	196	24
Wellington Central	48,664	21,433	44.04%	21,358	7,697	13,229	432	75
West-Coast Tasman	43,083	27,073	62.84%	27,051	3,171	23,716	164	22
Whanganui	43,717	26,595	60.83%	26,577	2,159	24,303	115	18
Whangarei	45,566	28,069	61.60%	28,052	2,572	25,337	143	17
Wigram	44,849	24,395	54.39%	24,340	3,023	21,150	167	55
Hauraki-Waikato	32,296	11,096	34.36%	11,089	1,188	9,854	47	7
Ikaroa-Rāwhiti	32,796	11,852	36.14%	11,827	1,194	10,573	60	25
Tāmaki Makaurau	35,542	12,136	34.15%	12,129	1,481	10,579	69	7
Te Tai Hauāuru	32,683	12,212	37.36%	12,191	1,362	10,758	71	21
Te Tai Tokerau	33,209	12,577	37.87%	12,559	1,344	11,148	67	18
Te Tai Tonga	32,110	12,478	38.86%	12,441	1,791	10,580	70	37
Wairariki	31,995	11,703	36.58%	11,697	1,026	10,617	54	6
TOTAL	3,002,968	1,684,402	56.09%	1,682,717	201,541	1,470,755	10,421	1,685

Dated at Wellington this Tuesday, the 25th day of August 2009.

ROBERT PEDEN
Returning Officer