

**From:** [Karl Le Quesne](#)  
**To:** [Lance Norman](#)  
**Subject:** Letter re corrections to be made to a small number of election results  
**Date:** Tuesday, 7 November 2023 5:48:20 pm  
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Tēnā koe Mr Norman

Please find attached a letter to inform you of a small number of data entry errors the Electoral Commission has discovered in the recording of the official results of the election.

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7 November 2023

Lance Norman  
Te Pāti Māori



Tēnā koe Mr Norman

## **Re: Corrections to be made to a small number of results**

We are writing to inform you of a small number of data entry errors we have discovered in the recording of the final election results. During this process some votes were recorded in the incorrect row. A table showing these differences is attached to this letter.

We apologise that these transcription errors were not picked up in the checks made before the official results were published. They should have been corrected and we regret that didn't happen.

We were made aware of the transcription errors by a journalist who will be running a story related to this.

When the Commission was alerted, we immediately sought to check and verify the recording of the official results at every voting place across the country. This is almost complete and what we have found so far would not affect the outcome of any electorate seat. We will send you the details when they are ready.

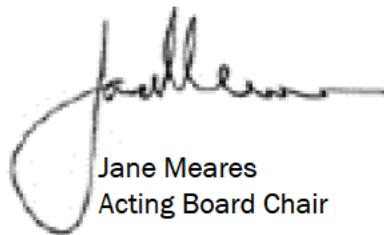
What we do know already is that these transcription errors are isolated to a very small number of voting places, show no intentional pattern, and do not favour any one party or political view. The number of votes involved is low and does not affect the overall results, successful candidates or the allocation of seats. An amended declaration of the official election results will be published on our website and in the New Zealand Gazette.

These data entry errors should have been picked up in the checks made during the official count and we acknowledge that this raises questions about the quality assurance process. The Electoral Commission's Board will commission an independent review of our quality assurance processes.

Ngā mihi



Karl Le Quesne  
Chief Electoral Officer



Jane Meares  
Acting Board Chair

<b>Port Waikato, Karaka Pavilion, NZ Bloodstock Centre</b>	<b>Recorded votes</b>	<b>Correct votes</b>
ACT New Zealand	6	6
Animal Justice Party	0	0
Aotearoa Legalise Cannabis Party	0	0
DemocracyNZ	0	0
Freedoms NZ	0	0
Green Party	0	2
Labour Party	2	2
Leighton Baker Party	2	0
National Party	0	15
New Conservatives	15	0
New Nation Party	0	0
New Zealand First Party	0	0
New Zealand Loyal	0	0
NewZeal	0	0
Te Pāti Māori	2	2
The Opportunities Party (TOP)	2	2
Women's Rights Party	0	0
Informal	0	0

<b>Port Waikato, Pukekohe Intermediate School</b>	<b>Recorded votes</b>	<b>Correct votes</b>
ACT New Zealand	125	125
Animal Justice Party	3	3
Aotearoa Legalise Cannabis Party	8	8
DemocracyNZ	7	7
Freedoms NZ	6	6
Green Party	63	63
Labour Party	292	292
Leighton Baker Party	505	0
National Party	0	505
New Conservatives	1	0
New Nation Party	86	1
New Zealand First Party	15	86
New Zealand Loyal	9	15
NewZeal	5	9
Te Pāti Māori	16	5
The Opportunities Party (TOP)	0	16
Women's Rights Party	0	0
Informal	11	11

<b>Ilam, Wolfbrook Arena, Addington</b>	<b>Recorded votes</b>	<b>Correct votes</b>
ACT New Zealand	4	4
Animal Justice Party	0	0
Aotearoa Legalise Cannabis Party	0	0
DemocracyNZ	0	0
Freedoms NZ	5	0
Green Party	8	5
Labour Party	1	8
Leighton Baker Party	18	1
National Party	0	18
New Conservatives	0	0
New Nation Party	0	0
New Zealand First Party	0	0
New Zealand Loyal	0	0
NewZeal	0	0
Te Pāti Māori	0	0
The Opportunities Party (TOP)	4	4
Women's Rights Party	0	0
Informal	0	0

**From:** [Karl Le Quesne](#)  
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**Subject:** RE: Election 2023 - Tāmaki Makaurau - Recount of Votes  
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Kia ora Lance

The recount process is directly managed by the District Court and the Judge appointed for a recount will contact all candidates affected by a recount to tell them of the arrangements.

We have been told there will be a recount for Tāmaki Makaurau Māori Electorate, and your candidate should be contacted shortly.

The Judge will normally brief the candidates ahead of the recount. There is normally also a briefing for the appointed scrutineers on the process at the start of the recount. Under section 183 of the Electoral Act one or more scrutineers can be appointed by any candidate affected by the recount.

The Commission has a support role to the Judge who runs the whole process.

I hope that helps.

Ngā mihi

Karl Le Quesne

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Kia Ora Karl,

We have just been informed that there is a recount requested for the Tāmaki Makaurau Māori Electorate.

Please confirm that this is the case.

If yes, as an impacted party, Te Pāti Māori would have expected a courtesy heads up before this was made public.

Please provide the detailed process for this recount.

Te Pāti Māori will appoint at least two scrutineers to provide oversight on the recount process.

We would appreciate an urgent response to this matter.

Please contact me if you have any queries.

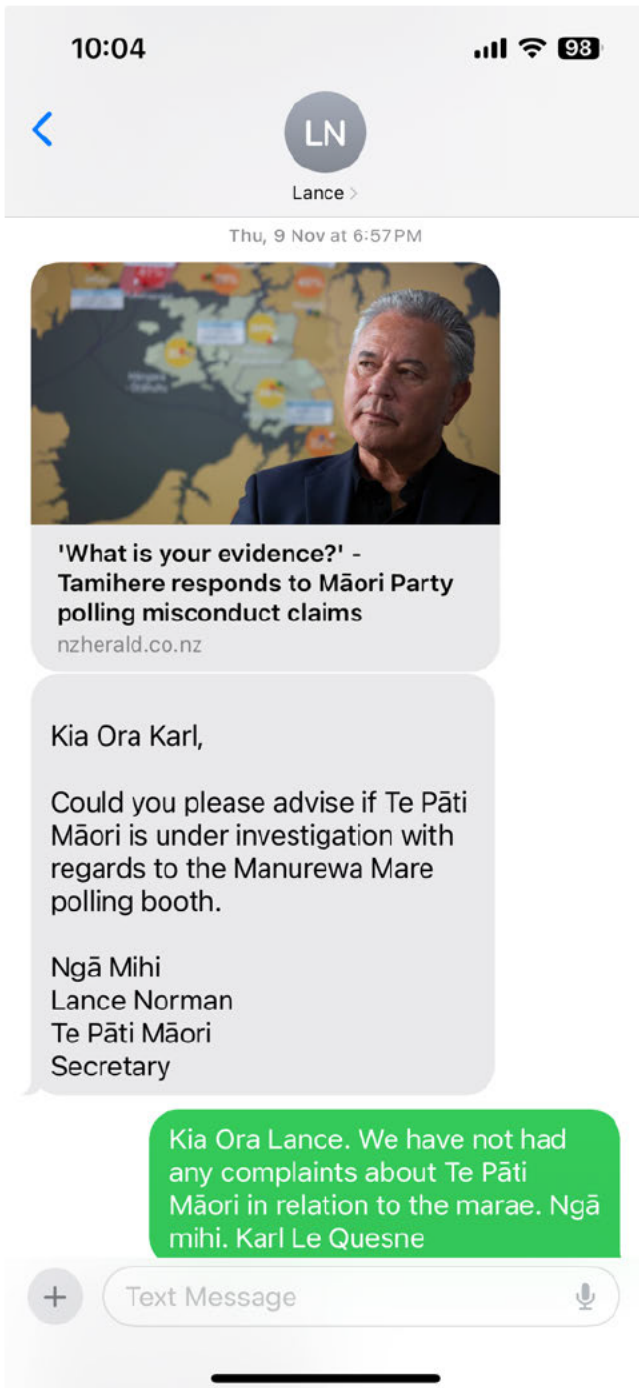
Ngā Mihi

**Lance Norman**  
**Secretary**  
**Te Pāti Māori**

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