

# Privacy Foundation NZ

[Name]

By email: [Address]

Dear [Party leader]

I am writing on behalf of the [Privacy Foundation New Zealand](#). We provide independent, informed and fair public comment to further the privacy interests of all New Zealanders.

As with past election, in the run up to the General Election, we would like to provide voters with information about political parties' approach to privacy issues that may be represented in Parliament. We would welcome your response to three questions:

- 1) New Zealand is falling behind key trading partners when it comes to our privacy regulation. Do you support updating our Privacy Act 2020 to provide modern, efficient and effective regulation, and, if so, what would be your key priorities for reform?
- 2) If in power, what would be your party's approach with the exposure draft of the [Customer and Product Data Bill](#), and how would you ensure people have access to their data and can require banks, energy or telecommunication providers to share customer data with their competitors, without sacrificing privacy?
- 3) If in power, what would be your party's approach towards the Government's refreshed [Cloud First Policy](#) announced in April 2023? Are there additional steps you would take to ensure that New Zealand Data Sovereignty and Māori Data Sovereignty are respected? How would you prevent over-dependence on overseas-based technology service providers and ensure their accountability? What safeguards do you consider necessary to protect the public sector data hosted in the cloud against exploitation for secondary uses?

Thank you for your time. We look forward to your response to any of those questions, which we intend to publish.

Yours sincerely,

Dr Marcin Betkier

Chair, Privacy Foundation New Zealand