

Party Donations and Loans Return for the year ending 31 December 2022

DECLARATION

1. Party name:

DemocracyNZ

Party secretary name:

Tania-Lee Knowles

2. TOTAL PARTY DONATIONS

Complete Parts A to G on pages 2 to 10 if you have any donations to declare.

Write 'NIL' if you have **NO** donations, or contributions to a donation, in Parts A to G

Part A: Party donations of more than \$15,000	\$60286
Part C: Anonymous party donations of more than \$1,500	\$0
Part D: Overseas party donations of more than \$50	\$0
Part F: Donations protected from disclosure	\$0
Part G: Other party donations up to \$15,000	\$57840
Total (A + C + D + F + G)	\$118126

3. TOTAL PARTY LOANS

Complete Parts H and I on pages 11 to 12 if you have any loans to declare.

Write 'NIL' if you have **NO** loans to declare

Part H: Party loans exceeding \$15,000	\$0
Part I: Party loans between \$1,500 – \$15,000	\$0
Total (H + I)	\$0

4. I declare that to the best of my knowledge this return contains all donations and loans information required pursuant to sections 210 and 214C of the Electoral Act 1993, is an accurate record of the party donations and loans and is not false in any material particular.

SIGNATURE


DATE: DD / MM / YYYY
10/08/2023

COMPLETING THE RETURN

You can complete the return electronically or by hand.

If you complete the return electronically amounts entered will automatically be formatted as currency (so no need to type \$ or commas) and the totals in each part will be automatically added up for you, as well as the totals on this page of the return.

If you do not have any donations and/or loans to declare enter 'NIL' in step 2 and/or step 3 on this page before completing the declaration at step 4.

CHECKLIST

- Step 1 completed
- Parts A to I completed or NIL entered at step 2 and/or step 3
- Party secretary signed and dated the return
- All relevant supporting documentation supplied to auditor
- Auditor stamped or initialled a copy of the return to keep for own records
- Auditor's report enclosed
- Representation letter enclosed, if used

FILING THE RETURN

The return needs to be signed and dated by the party secretary and be accompanied by an auditor's report. The signed return and the auditor's report must be received by the Electoral Commission by **Monday, 1 May 2023**.

The return can be filed:

- by upload via the party portal
- by email to: legal@elections.govt.nz
- by post to PO Box 3220, Wellington 6140
- by delivery to Level 4, 34-42 Manners Street, Wellington

Reminder: the returns are open to public inspection and will be published on www.elections.nz.



DONATIONS Complete Parts A to G

Party Donations

A party donation is a donation of money (or the equivalent of money), goods or services that is made to a party. A party donation includes:

- a donation of money or the equivalent of money, including where a person pays something for the party
- where a party is provided with goods or services free of charge that have a reasonable market value of more than \$1,500 (or \$50 if provided by an overseas person - see Part D for more information on who is an overseas person)
- where a party is provided with discounted goods or services and the reasonable market value of the goods or services is greater than \$1,500 (or \$50 if provided by an overseas person); the difference between the contract or agreed price and the reasonable market value of the goods or services is a donation

- when a party sells over-valued goods or services, the difference between the price paid and the reasonable market value is a donation (for example a fundraising auction or dinner)
- where credit is provided to a party on more favourable terms than those prevailing at the same time for similar credit, the value of the favourable terms is a donation.

The following are not a party donation:

- free labour
- goods or services provided free of charge to a party, or to any person on the party's behalf, that have a reasonable market value of \$1,500 or less (or \$50 or less if from an overseas person), or
- a candidate donation that is included in a candidate's return of donations.

PART A: PARTY DONATIONS OF MORE THAN \$15,000

Instruction for Part A - Donations over \$15,000

Party donations of more than \$15,000 (including GST) received during 2022 are required to be declared in **Part A**, including a series of donations received from the same donor during the year that add up to more than \$15,000. Also include those donations exceeding \$30,000 received during the year and reported under section 210C.

Do not include in **Part A** contributions to donations, anonymous or overseas donations, donations protected from disclosure, or donations not exceeding \$15,000 (see **Parts B, C, D, E, F and G**).

You need to record the name and street address of the donor, the date the donation was received and the amount received from the donor. Where you have received a number of donations from the same donor you should include each date on which a donation was received from the donor and the aggregated total from the donor. You also need to confirm whether any person (other than the donor) has contributed more than \$15,000 to the donation (or more than \$50 if the contributor is an overseas person). Contributions of more than \$15,000 must be disclosed in **Part B** (or **Part E** for overseas contributors).

For any donations from a trust, include the name of the individual at whose direction the donation was made.

WRITE 'NIL' IF YOU HAVE NO DONATIONS TO DECLARE HERE:

TOTAL FOR PART A

\$60286

	Date donation or aggregated donations received dd/mm/yyyy	Does the donation contain contributions from another person of more than \$15,000? Enter YES or NO	Amount of donation or total aggregated donations (including GST) \$0.00
1 Melville, Kevin-NME, 8 Victoria St, Alicetown, Lower Hutt	05/08/2022	NO	\$30,000
2 Barbalich, Vladimir, 48 Hawkins Hill Road (Formally Ashton Fitchett Drive), Brooklyn, Wellington	29/03/2022	NO	\$15,143
3 Tufuga, Yvette, 46 Hawkins Hill Road (Formally Ashton Fitchett Drive), Brooklyn, Wellington	29/03/2023	NO	\$15143
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PART A: PARTY DONATIONS OF MORE THAN \$15,000

Donor's name and street address	Date donation or aggregated donations received dd/mm/yyyy	Does the donation contain contributions from another person of more than \$15,000? Enter YES or NO	Amount of aggregated total aggregated donations (include GST) (\$0,000)
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PART A: PARTY DONATION OF MORE THAN \$15,000

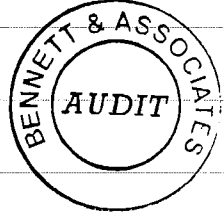
Donor's name and street address

Date donation or aggregated donations received
dd/mm/yyyy

Does the donation contain contributions from another person of more than \$15,000?
Enter YES or NO

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PART B: CONTRIBUTIONS OF MORE THAN \$15,000

Instructions for Part B – Contributions over \$15,000

A contribution is money, goods or services that makes up a donation or is included in a donation or has been used to wholly or partly fund a donation, that was given to the donor or a person who was expected to pass the contribution to the donor. Only complete **Part B** if the donation in **Part A** includes a contribution, from someone other than the donor, exceeding \$15,000.

For each contribution in **Part B** you will need to provide:

- the name and street address of each contributor
- the line number of the donation in **Part A** that the contribution was part of and the date the donation was received
- the amount of each contribution made by the contributor, or in the case of multiple contributions, the total amount of the contributions from the same person to the donation during the year.

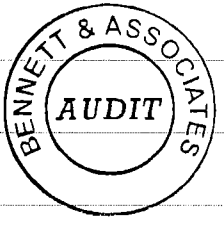
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TOTAL FOR PART B

\$10286

Contributor's name and street address	Donation (number) in Part A that contribution was part of	Date of donation in Part A that the contribution was part of dd/mm/yyyy	Amount of contribution (including GST) (\$)(0)(0)
Explora Holdings (Owned by Vlad Barbalich and Yvette Tufunga)	2&3	June-November 2022	\$10286



PART C: ANONYMOUS PARTY DONATIONS OF MORE THAN \$1,500

Instructions for Part C – Anonymous donations over \$1,500

An anonymous donation is a donation made in such a way that the party who receives the donation does not know the identity of the donor and could not, in the circumstances, reasonably be expected to know the identity of the donor. If an anonymous donation is over \$1,500 the party is entitled to keep \$1,500. The balance of the donation must, within 20 working days of receipt, be paid to the Electoral Commission for payment into a Crown bank account.

Anonymous overseas donations over \$50

Where you have reasonable grounds to suspect the anonymous donor is an overseas person, the party is entitled to keep \$50. The balance of the payment

must be paid to the Electoral Commission for payment into a Crown bank account. Please see Part D for more information on who is an overseas person.

- In **Part C** you must declare:
- the date the donation was received; and
 - the amount received; and
 - the amount paid to the Electoral Commission; and
 - the date payment was made to the Electoral Commission.

WRITE 'NIL' IF YOU HAVE NO DONATIONS TO DECLARE HERE:

NIL

TOTAL FOR PART C

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Date anonymous donation received dd/mm/yyyy	Amount of anonymous donation (including GST) \$0.00	Amount paid to the Electoral Commission (including GST) \$0.00	Date paid to the Electoral Commission dd/mm/yyyy



PART D: OVERSEAS PARTY DONATIONS OF MORE THAN \$50

Instructions for Part D – Overseas donations over \$50

Donations from an overseas person

An overseas person is:

- an individual who resides outside New Zealand and is not a New Zealand citizen or registered elector, or
- a body corporate incorporated outside New Zealand; or
- an unincorporated body that has its head office or principal place of business outside New Zealand.

If a donation from an overseas person is over \$50 (either on its own or when aggregated with all other donations made by or on behalf of the same overseas person during the year) the party is entitled to keep \$50 and within 20 working days must either return the excess to the donor or pay the excess to the Electoral Commission.

In Part D you must declare:

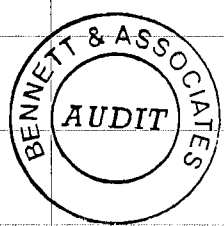
- the name and street address of the overseas person; and
- the date the donation was received or, in the case of multiple donations, the date each donation was received; and
- the amount of the donation or, in the case of aggregated donations, the total amount of the donations; and
- the amount returned to the overseas person or paid to the Electoral Commission, and the date of that return payment.

WRITE 'NIL' IF YOU HAVE NO DONATIONS TO DECLARE HERE:

NIL

TOTAL FOR PART D

Name and street address of overseas donor	Amount of donation or total aggregated donations (including GST) \$0.00	Date donation received (or dates of each aggregated donation) dd/mm/yyyy	Amount returned to donor or paid to Electoral Commission (including GST)	Date of that return payment



PART E: CONTRIBUTIONS FROM OVERSEAS PERSON OF MORE THAN \$50

Instructions for Part E – Overseas contributions over \$50

If you receive any donation from a donor who is not an overseas person that includes a contribution from an overseas person greater than \$50 (either on its own or when aggregated with other contributions to the donation by the same overseas person), you must return the whole donation to the donor. If that is not possible, you must forward the whole donation to the Electoral Commission.

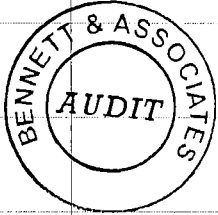
In Part E you must declare:

- the name and street address of the overseas person; and
- the amount of the contribution, or the total amount of aggregated contributions; and
- the date the donation was received or, in the case of multiple donations, the date each donation was received; and
- the amount returned to the overseas person or paid to the Electoral Commission, and the date of that return payment.

WRITE 'NIL' IF YOU HAVE NO DONATIONS TO DECLARE HERE:

NIL

Overseas contributor's name and street address	Amount of contribution or total aggregated contributions (including GST) (\$0,000)	TOTAL FOR PART E	Amount returned to donor or paid to Electoral Commission (including GST)	Date of that return payment



PART G: OTHER PARTY DONATIONS UP TO \$15,000

Instructions for Part G – Other party donations up to \$15,000

The total number and value of other party donations received in the following bands must be disclosed in **Part G**:

- anonymous party donations of \$1,500 or less
- party donations of more than \$1,500 up to and including \$5,000
- party donations of more than \$5,000 up to and including \$15,000.

Although aggregation is generally required for donations there is no requirement to aggregate donations from the same donor for the purposes of determining what donations to include and in which band in **Part G**. If a donor has made more than one donation in a category each donation should be counted separately when calculating the number of donations.

Example:

If you received two donations of \$3,000 from the same donor in the calendar year, these should be recorded as two donations in the 'Donations exceeding \$1,500 but not exceeding \$5,000' band.

WRITE 'NIL' IF YOU HAVE NO DONATIONS TO DECLARE HERE:

Description of donation	TOTAL FOR PART G	
	Total number of donations	Total amount of donations (including GST)
Anonymous donations not exceeding \$1,500	401	\$45130
Donations exceeding \$1,500 but not exceeding \$5,000	6	\$12710
Donations exceeding \$5,000 but not exceeding \$15,000		
		\$57840



LOANS Complete Parts H and I

Party Loans exceeding \$15,000

A party loan is a written or oral agreement under which a lender lends money to a political party. Money lent by a registered bank at a commercial interest rate is not a party loan, nor are credit cards and overdraft facilities with registered banks.

PART H: PARTY LOANS EXCEEDING \$15,000

Instructions for Part H - Party loans exceeding \$15,000

Party loans from the same lender exceeding \$15,000 entered into during the year (including those exceeding \$30,000 that have been reported during the year under section 214F) must be reported in Part H.

Loans from the same lender need to be aggregated. Include loans entered into during the year not exceeding \$15,000, but that exceed \$15,000 when aggregated with all other loans from the same lender during 2022 or unpaid balances as at 31 December 2022 of any loans provided by the same lender in any previous year.

WRITE 'NIL' IF YOU HAVE NO LOANS TO DECLARE HERE:

NIL

Lender's name and street address		Date loan entered into dd/mm/yyyy	Repayment date <i>(if no repayment date, specify "no repayment date" here)</i>
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Guarantor's name and street address (if any)	Unpaid balance of loan \$0.00	Interest rate or rates	Details of security given

Total aggregated loan amount from the same lender (if applicable)	
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Any terms (that enable the lender to reduce or extinguish the loan amount and/or interest or grant any concession in respect of repayment)
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Lender's name and street address		Date loan entered into dd/mm/yyyy	Repayment date <i>(if no repayment date, specify "no repayment date" here)</i>
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Guarantor's name and street address (if any)	Unpaid balance of loan \$0.00	Interest rate or rates	Details of security given

Total aggregated loan amount from the same lender (if applicable)	
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Any terms (that enable the lender to reduce or extinguish the loan amount and/or interest or grant any concession in respect of repayment)
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PART I: PARTY LOANS BETWEEN \$1,500 – \$15,000

Instructions for Part I – Party loans between \$1,500 – \$15,000

The total number and value of all other party loans entered into during the year of \$1,500 or more up to and including \$15,000, that have not already been disclosed in Part H, must be disclosed in Part I.

If a lender has made more than one loan to the party of between \$1,500 and \$15,000 each loan should be counted separately when calculating the total number of loans, for the purposes of Part I.

WRITE 'NIL' IF YOU HAVE NO LOANS TO DECLARE HERE:

NIL

TOTAL FOR PART I

Number of loans

Total amount of loans (including GST) \$0.00

Loans of not less than \$1,500 and not more than \$15,000		
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14 August 2023

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INDEPENDENT ASSURANCE REPORT

TO THE PARTY SECRETARY OF DEMOCRACYNZ INCORPORATED

Qualified Opinion

We have undertaken a reasonable assurance engagement of DemocracyNZ Incorporated (the “Party”) compliance, in all material respects, with the requirements of sections of 210 and 214C of the Electoral Act 1993 (the “Act”) as evaluated against the Party Donations and Loans Return for the year ending 31 December 2022 (the “Return”).

In our opinion, except for the possible effects of the matters described in the *Basis for Qualified Opinion* section of our report, the Party has complied, in all material respects, with the requirements of the Act as evaluated against the Party Donations and Loans Return for the year ending 31 December 2022.

Basis for Qualified Opinion

Pursuant to section 210(1)(d) of the Electoral Act 1993, donations received from an overseas person are required to be disclosed separately in Part D and Part E of the Return. Due to the nature of how donations are generally received, controls over determining the residency status of donors is limited and there are no practical procedures to determine the effect of this limited control.

We conducted our engagement in accordance with the Standard of Assurance Engagements (SAE) 3100 (Revised) *Compliance Engagements* issued by the New Zealand Auditing and Assurance Standards Board.

Due to the nature of the limitations above, we do not believe there is further information that can be provided to us by the Party to allow us to determine the effects of these limited controls.

We believe that the evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our qualified opinion.

Party Secretary’s Responsibilities

The Party Secretary is responsible for:

- (a) Preparation of the Return in compliance with the requirements of the Act; and
- (b) The compliance activity undertaken to meet the requirements of the Act; and
- (c) Identification of risks that threaten compliance with the Act identified above being met and controls which will mitigate those risks and monitor ongoing compliance.

Our Independence and Quality Control

We have complied with the relevant ethical requirements relating to assurance engagements, which include independence and other requirements founded on fundamental principles of integrity, objectivity, professional competence and due care, confidentiality and professional behaviour.



In accordance with the Professional and Ethical Standard 3 (Amended) Bennett & Associates maintain a comprehensive system of quality control including documented policies and procedures regarding compliance with ethical requirements, professional standards and applicable legal and regulatory requirements.

Our firm carries out other assignment for the Party in auditing of the financial statements. The firm has no other relationship with, or interests in, the Party.

Assurance Practitioner's Responsibilities

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the Party's compliance, in all material respects, with the Act as evaluated against the Return throughout the year ended 31 December 2022. SAE 3100 (revised) requires that we plan and perform our procedures to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the Party has complied, in all material respects, with the requirements of the Act, throughout the year ended 31 December 2022.

An assurance engagement report on the Party's compliance with the Act involves performing procedures to obtain evidence about the compliance activity and controls implemented to meet the requirements of the Act. The procedures selected depend on our judgement, including the identification and assessment of risks of material non-compliance with the requirements of the Act as evaluated against the Return.

Inherent Limitations

Because of the inherent limitations of an assurance engagement, together with the internal control structure it is possible that fraud, error, or non-compliance with compliance requirements may occur and not be detected.

A reasonable assurance engagement throughout the year ended 31 December 2022 does not provide assurance on whether compliance with the requirements of the Act will continue in the future.

Use of Report

This report is prepared for use by the Party Secretary in accordance with the requirements of the Act. Our compliance work has been undertaken so we can state to the DemocracyNZ Incorporated Secretary those matters undertaken and for no other purpose. To the fullest permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than DemocracyNZ Incorporated and the Party Secretary, for our compliance work, or for any other purpose other than that for which it was prepared.

Yours faithfully
BENNETT & ASSOCIATES


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