

Party Donations and Loans Return for the year ending 31 December 2023

DECLARATION

1. Party name:

LEIGHTON BAKER PARTY

Party secretary name:

SUSAN JOY BAKER

2. TOTAL PARTY DONATIONS

Complete Parts A to G on pages 2 to 12 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 \$5,000

\$38,386.93

Part C: Anonymous party donations of more than \$1,500

\$ 0.00

Part D: Overseas party donations of more than \$50

\$ 0.00

Part F: Donations protected from disclosure

\$ 0.00

Part G: Other party donations up to \$5,000

\$20,202.93

Total Party Donations (A + C + D + F + G)

\$58,589.86

Total monetary and non-monetary donations received by party

Total Monetary Party Donations

\$58,589.86

Total Non-Monetary Party Donations

3. TOTAL PARTY LOANS

Complete Parts H and I on pages 13 to 14 if you have any loans to declare.

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

NIL

Part H: Party loans exceeding \$15,000

\$ 0.00

Part I: Party loans between \$1,500 - \$15,000

\$ 0.00

Total (H + I)

\$ 0.00

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

14/4/2024
1/5/2024

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**.

An audit report is required if the total party donations exceed \$50,000 or there are any party loans disclosed in Parts H or I of the return.

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, if applicable

Auditor stamped or an initialled copy of the return to keep for own records, if applicable

Auditor's report enclosed, if applicable

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, if applicable. The signed return and the auditor's report must be received by the Electoral Commission by **Tuesday, 30 April 2024**.

The return can be filed:

- by email to: legal@elections.govt.nz
- by delivery to Level 4, 34-42 Manners Street, Wellington 6011

Reminder: the returns are open to public inspection and will be published on www.elections.govt.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, or to any person or body of persons if there are reasonable grounds to believe that the donation is intended for the benefit of the 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 \$5,000

Instructions for Part A - Donations over \$5,000

Party donations of more than \$5,000 (including GST) received during 2023 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 \$5,000. Also include those donations exceeding \$20,000 received during election 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 \$5,000 (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 \$5,000 to the donation (or more than \$50 if the contributor is an overseas person). Contributions of more than \$5,000 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

\$38 386.93

	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 \$5,000? Enter YES or NO	Amount of donation or total aggregated donations (including GST) \$0.00
1	L J Baker 411 Dixons Rd Loham	23/6/23 - 23/3/24	NO	\$16195.41
2	PTL Property Trust C Watkinson 81 Bickerton St Wainoni Chch	7/12/23	NO	\$5996.10
3	S J Baker 411 Dixons Rd Loham	23/6/23 - 23/3/24	NO	\$16195.41
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PART A: PARTY DONATIONS OF MORE THAN \$5,000

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 \$5,000? Enter YES or NO	Amount of donation or total aggregated donations (including GST) \$0.00
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PART A: PARTY DONATIONS OF MORE THAN \$5,000

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 \$5,000? Enter YES or NO	Amount of donation or total aggregated donations (including GST) \$0.00
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PART A: PARTY DONATIONS OF MORE THAN \$5,000

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 \$5,000? Enter YES or NO	Amount of donation or total aggregated donations (including GST) \$0.00
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PART A: PARTY DONATIONS OF MORE THAN \$5,000

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 \$5,000? Enter YES or NO	Amount of donation or total aggregated donations (including GST) \$0.00
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PART G: OTHER PARTY DONATIONS UP TO \$5,000

Instructions for Part G - Other party donations up to \$5,000

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
- all other donations not exceeding \$1,500
- party donations of more than \$1,500 up to and including \$5,000.

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 \$2,000 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:

TOTAL FOR PART G	\$20202.93
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Description of donation	Total number of donations	Total amount of donations (including GST) \$0.00
Anonymous donations not exceeding \$1,500	0	0
All other donations not exceeding \$1,500	109	\$15,202.93
Donations exceeding \$1,500 but not exceeding \$5,000	1	\$ 5000

Donor \$ 5000 13/6/23

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 2023 or unpaid balances as at 31 December 2023 of any loans provided by the same lender in any previous year.

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

NIL

TOTAL FOR PART H

Lender's name and street address	Loan amount (including GST) \$0.00	Date loan entered into dd/mm/yyyy	Repayment date (if no repayment date, specify "no repayment date" here)

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)			

Any terms (that enable the lender to reduce or extinguish the loan amount and/or interest or grant any concession in respect of repayment)

Lender's name and street address	Loan amount (including GST) \$0.00	Date loan entered into dd/mm/yyyy	Repayment date (if no repayment date, specify "no repayment date" here)

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)			

Any terms (that enable the lender to reduce or extinguish the loan amount and/or interest or grant any concession in respect of repayment)

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

01/05/2024

Michael Hanna
HPH Audit Ltd
P O Box 9094
Tower Junction
Christchurch 8149

Dear Michael

LETTER OF REPRESENTATION FOR PARTY DONATIONS AND LOANS RETURN FOR 2023

This representation letter is furnished in connection with the return of party donations and loans for the 2023 calendar year (the return) by Leighton Baker Party (the Party) made in accordance with sections 210 and 214C of the Electoral Act 1993 (the Act) as at 31 December 2023, which has been subject to an assurance engagement and reported on by you in accordance with sections 210A and 214D of the Act.

I understand that the assurance engagement was conducted in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Act and the applicable auditing and assurance standards issued by the New Zealand Auditing and Assurance Standards Board (SAE 3100 Assurance Engagements on Compliance).

I confirm and take responsibility for the following representations after taking all reasonable steps to assure myself of them:

1. The return has been prepared in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Act.
2. I acknowledge my responsibility for the preparation of the return in compliance with the Act, including identifying the risks that threaten the compliance requirements being met, and designing, implementing and maintaining internal controls to mitigate those risks, including the risk of fraud, so that those risks will not prevent compliance with the Act.
3. I am responsible for establishing and maintaining a system of internal control designed to provide reasonable assurance as to the integrity and reliability of the return. I have done this, and all explanations or demonstrations of this to you have been complete and accurate.
4. All information, such as records, documentation, and other matters of which the Party is aware are relevant to the assurance engagement have been kept by the Party (including subsidiary entities) and made available to you, and these materials will be retained in accordance with the requirements of the Act.
5. For all donations over \$50 (other than anonymous donations), I have established and implemented processes to ensure that all reasonable steps in the circumstances have been taken to check whether a donation is made by or on behalf of an overseas person or includes a contribution made by or on behalf of an overseas person.
6. I have disclosed to you to the best of my knowledge:
 - 6.1 any material transactions not disclosed in the records.

- 6.2 any alleged, suspected or proven illegal activity under the Act or other legislation potentially relevant to the return or instances of noncompliance with applicable requirements;
 - 6.3 the fact of, and results from, any assessment made by me that considered whether the records of the Party may be materially misstated or incomplete for any reason;
 - 6.4 any deficiencies in internal control relevant to the assurance engagement that are not clearly trivial and inconsequential of which I am aware; and
 - 6.5 any events after the date of this letter that could have a significant effect on your conclusion/opinion in your assurance report.
7. I have provided you with:
- 7.1 any additional information that you requested from the Party for the purposes of the assurance engagement; and
 - 7.2 unrestricted access to persons within the Party from whom you determined it necessary to obtain evidence.
8. The return contains the total returnable donations received by the Party in the 2023 calendar year or for parties registered during 2023, from the date of registration to 31 December 2023. The return includes:
- 8.1 donations in the form of money, goods or services paid for by others, discounts given on goods or services provided to the party, premiums paid in respect of good or services provided by the party, and credit provided to the party at terms more favourable than the prevailing commercial terms, including the value of GST on any of those items;
 - 8.2 donations of more than \$15,000 in aggregate from an individual donor, including donations exceeding \$20,000 reported under section 210C of the Electoral Act, if any;
 - 8.3 donation contributions of more than \$1,500 from an individual contributor that add up to more than \$15,000 in aggregate from that contributor;
 - 8.4 The name of the contributor if the donation in 8.2 above includes a contribution from someone other than the donor exceeding \$5000.
 - 8.5 anonymous party donations of more than \$1,500 or more than \$50 in any case where the party secretary has reasonable grounds to suspect the donor is an overseas person;
 - 8.6 overseas donations of more than \$50;
 - 8.7 donation contributions from an overseas person of more than \$50;
 - 8.8 payments received from the Electoral Commission of donations protected from disclosure;
 - 8.9 the number of, and aggregate amount of, anonymous donations of \$1,500 or less;
 - 8.10 the number of, and aggregate amount of, donations of more than \$1,500 but not more than \$5,000; and
 - 8.11 the number of, and aggregate amount of, donations of more than \$1500 but not more than \$5000.
9. The return includes:

- 9.1 any loans entered into during the year that exceed \$15,000;
 - 9.2 any loans exceeding \$15,000 entered into in any previous year that have an unpaid balance exceeding \$15,000 as at 31 December 2023;
 - 9.3 any loans entered into during the year of less than or equal to \$15,000 if the loan exceeds \$15,000 when aggregated with all other loans entered into during the year by the same lender and any unpaid balances of any loans from the same lender in any previous year; and
 - 9.4 the number and aggregate amount of all other loans entered into during the year of not less than \$1,500 and not more than \$15,000.
10. The return's contents have been determined by considering the questions set out in the Appendix to this letter and the relevant provisions of the Act.
 11. Where an assessment has been made of the reasonable market value of a donation, the basis of the assessment is fair and appropriate, and has been properly applied and recorded.
 12. Any and all misstatements you have identified during the course of your assurance engagement have been adjusted in the final return.
 13. I have completed my own procedures, distinct from your assurance engagement processes, to evaluate the accuracy and completeness of the return.
 14. The return is free of any material misstatements or omissions.

These representations are made in terms mutually agreed between us, and to supplement information obtained by you from the records of the Party and to confirm information given to you orally.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'L Baker', written in a cursive style.

Name
Party Secretary
Leighton Baker Party

APPENDIX to Letter of Representation

The return's contents have been determined by considering, in the following sequence, these questions and the relevant provisions of the Act:

1. What benefits to the party were donations ² [sections 3, 207 and 207A]	
<i>Was the donation made to the party or to any person or organisation on behalf of the party where there are reasonable grounds to believe that the donation was intended for the benefit of the party?</i>	The party is the registered political party. Apart from candidate donations, all donations received throughout the party administration whether at the national or local level (or other subsidiary entities) must be recorded as being received by the party. The only segment of political parties recognised distinctly in electoral law is candidates .
<i>What gifts of money did the party receive²</i>	Donations include any money donated to the party, regardless of method of payment. This includes donations protected from disclosure . Donations can also include paying for something.
<i>What gifts of goods or services did the party receive?</i>	Any goods or services donated to the party that have a reasonable market value of greater than \$1,500 (other than free labour) or of \$50 where goods or services are donated by an overseas person, are donations, including GST.
<i>What was the difference between the contract price and the reasonable market value (including GST) of any goods or services provided to the party at a discount?</i>	Where the reasonable market value is more than \$1,500, or \$50 where the donor is an overseas person, the difference in value (discount) is a donation.
<i>What was the difference between the contract price and the reasonable market value (including GST) of any goods or services provided by the party at a premium?</i>	The difference in value (premium) is a donation.
<i>What was the value to the party of the terms and conditions of any credit provided to the party on more favourable terms and conditions than prevailed at the time?</i>	The value to the party of the more favourable terms and conditions is a donation.
<i>Do any of the donations identified above, or components of those donations, fall within the party donation exclusions?</i>	A party donation does not include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ the labour of any person provided free of charge ◦ goods or services provided free of charge, or which have a reasonable market value of \$1,500 or less or of \$50 or less if the goods or services are being provided by an overseas person ◦ any candidate donation that is included in a candidate donation return filed under section 209

	Do not include these items in the calculation of party donations. [section 207 definition of party donation at paragraph (b)1
2. Apart from donations protected from disclosure, which persons made donations to the party and which persons made contributions to a donation? [section 210(1)]	
NOTES whether an intermediary is a transmitter of a donation on behalf of a donor, or is a donor making a donation funded from contributions, will be a question of fact taking into account all of the provisions pertaining to transmitters and contributions .	
<i>Did person A make the donation directly to the party (or any person or body of persons if there are reasonable grounds to believe that the donation is intended for the benefit of the affairs of the party)?</i>	If yes: Person A is a "donor" and made a "donation". Include this donation in the calculation of donations from person A. [section 207 definition of donor and definition of party donation]
If no: <i>Did person A give their donation to another person or organisation (person B) to forward on (transmit) to the party?</i>	If yes: Person A is a "donor" and made a "donation". Include this donation in the calculation of donations from person A. Person B is a "transmitter" and is not a donor. Do not include this transmission in the calculation of donations or contributions from person B. [section 207 definition of donor and definition of transmitter , and section 207B]
If no: <i>Did person A give their donation to another person or organisation (person C) with the knowledge or expectation that it would be wholly or partly applied to funding a donation to the party?</i>	If yes: Person A is a "contributor" and made a "contribution to a donation". Include this contribution in the calculation of contributions to donations from person A. Person C is a "donor" and made a "donation". Include the donation that person A contributed to (that is, the entire donation that was given to the party by person C) in the calculation of donations from person C. [section 207 definition of contribution and definition of contributor , and section 207C]

3. Which donations must be included in the return? [section 210]	
<i>Which donors donated more than \$15,000 in aggregate during the calendar year?</i> This includes any donations made through a transmitter. [section 210(1)(a)]	Include these donations in the return in Part A
<i>Did the party disclose donations exceeding \$20,000 during the year?</i> [section 210C]	Include these donations in the return in Part A
<i>Which contributors to donations made contributions exceeding \$5,000 during the calendar year, which when aggregated exceeded \$15,000?</i> [section 210(1)(b)]	Include these contributions in the return in Part B

<p><i>Which anonymous donations exceeded \$1,500 or \$50 in any case where the party secretary has reasonable grounds to suspect the donor is an overseas person, and who was the excess returned or paid to?</i> [sections 207, 207I and 210(1)(c)]</p>	<p>Include these donations in the return in Part C</p>
<p><i>Which donations made by overseas persons exceeded \$50 in aggregate during the calendar year, and who was the excess returned or paid to?</i></p> <p>Parties are not allowed to accept donations or contributions over \$50 from an overseas person.</p> <p>An overseas donor or contributor is any of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ a person who lives outside New Zealand and is not a New Zealand citizen or on an electoral roll ◦ a body corporate that is incorporated outside New Zealand ◦ an unincorporated body that has its head office or main place of business outside New Zealand. <p>For all donations over \$50 (other than anonymous donations), the party secretary has an obligation to take all reasonable steps to check whether a donation is made by or on behalf of an overseas person or includes a contribution made by or on behalf of an overseas person</p> <p>The party secretary should keep records of all donations and the checks taken, which may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ checking the name and address details of individual donors against the electoral roll ◦ checking whether a donor company is on the New Zealand Companies Register ◦ for any unincorporated body, ensuring that the unincorporated body is actually the donor and not individuals within it and seeking information or confirmation that its head office or principal place of business is in New Zealand ◦ ensuring that online donation forms require donors and any contributors to give their residential address and/or affirm the donation is not made by or on behalf of an overseas person ◦ for larger donations, seeking copies of documents such as incorporation certificates, citizenship certificates, passports, trust deeds or written confirmation from donors themselves. <p>[sections 207K, and 210 m(1)d]</p>	<p>Include these donations in the return in Part D</p>

<p><i>Which contributors who are overseas persons made a contribution of more than \$50 during the calendar year to any party donation?</i> [sections 207K(3) and 210(1)(da)]</p>	<p>Include these donations in the return in Part E</p>
<p><i>How much did the party receive from the Electoral Commission in payments of donations protected from disclosure and how much interest was included in those payments?</i> [sections 208D and 210(1)(e)]</p>	<p>Include these donations in the return in Part F</p>
<p><i>How many other donations were received under the following categories and what was the total value of all donations for each category?</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ anonymous donations of \$1,500 or less ◦ All other donations not exceeding \$1500; ◦ donations of more than \$1,500 but not more than \$5,000 [sections 210(1)(f) and 210(6A)(a) (d)] 	<p>Include these donations in the return in Part G</p>

4. What loans entered into by the party must be disclosed? [Part 6B]	
<i>What loans has the party entered into?</i>	A loan is a written or oral agreement or arrangement under which a lender lends money, or agrees to lend money in the future, to a party. This does not include money lent by a registered bank at a commercial interest rate. Credit cards and overdraft facilities with registered banks are also excluded. [section 212]
5. Who has entered into the loan on behalf of the party?	
<i>Has the party secretary entered into the loan?</i>	Only a Party Secretary can enter into a loan on behalf of the party. [section 213]
6. What is the value of the loan entered into?	
<i>Is the loan amount or the unpaid balance of the loan used for reporting purposes?</i>	Both the loan amount and the unpaid balance of the loan amount (if any) at 31 December should be recorded.
<i>What loans have to be aggregated?</i>	If the value of all loans from the same lender during the year plus any unpaid balances of any loans provided by the same lender during any previous year exceed \$15,000, the loan amounts should be aggregated. [section 214C(1)(b)]
7. Which loans must be included in the return? [section 214C]	
<i>From what date must loans be accounted for?</i>	A party secretary must keep records of all party loans entered into. Records of each loan have to be retained for three years after the annual return following repayment of the loan.
<i>Did the party enter into any loans of more than \$15,000 during the calendar year (including any loans exceeding \$30,000 that have been disclosed during the year under section 214F)? Did the party enter into any loans of more than \$15,000 in the previous year that have an unpaid balance of more than \$15,000 as at 31 December? Did the party enter any loans of \$15,000 or less, but that exceed \$15,000 when aggregated with all other loans from the same lender during the year or unpaid balances of loans from the same lender in any previous year?</i> [section 214C(1)(a) and (b)]	Include each of these loans in the return in Part H and provide the total of the aggregated loan amount from the same lender.
<i>How many other loans were entered into during the year that were each less than \$1,500 and not more than \$15,000?</i> [section 214C(1)(c)]	Include the number of loans and the total amount of the loans in Part I .

INDEPENDENT ASSURANCE REPORT

TO THE PARTY SECRETARY OF LEIGHTON BAKER PARTY

Qualified Opinion

We have undertaken a reasonable assurance engagement of the **Leighton Baker Party** (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 2023 (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 2023.

Basis for Qualified Opinion

Except for donations received via the Party online donation portal and its bank account, there are limited controls that ensure donations and loans included in the Return are complete. Accordingly, we were unable to obtain sufficient appropriate evidence in respect. Consequently, we were unable to determine whether any adjustments to the donation revenue recorded, or loans disclosed were necessary.

In addition, pursuant to section 210(10(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 are 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) HPH Audit maintains 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 carried out the audit of the Party Expenses return for the 2023 general election. Other than this assignment 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 2023. 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 2023.

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 2023 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 Leighton Baker Party 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 Leighton Baker Party and the Party Secretary, for our compliance work, or for any other purpose other than that for which it was prepared.

Yours faithfully
HPH Audit Ltd

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M Hanna', written in a cursive style.

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1st May 2024.