

Where the coalition parties stand on policies advocated by BusinessNZ Network in election publications and recent advocacy

Green: agree/largely agree

Orange: unclear/not stated

Red: disagree/largely disagree

BusinessNZ Network	National	ACT	NZ First
We said: Reduce regulatory burden on business	Reduce regulatory burden on the primary sector	Establish Ministry of Regulation to oversee reduction in unnecessary regulation	Cut red tape
We said: Reduce poor-quality, inflationary govt spending	Restore discipline to govt spending; instruct public sector CEOs to reduce consultant & contractor expenditure & report on current spending within 100 days	Reduce poor-quality govt spending; reduce the size of the public service	Reduce poor-quality govt spending
We said: Refocus the Reserve Bank solely on price stability	Refocus the Reserve Bank solely on price stability	Refocus the Reserve Bank solely on price stability; lower the target to 0-2%	
We said: Get more investment in the regions	Meet with Councils and communities to establish regional requirements for recovery from recent flooding events		Establish regional infrastructure fund
We said: Get more competition in markets	Support competition law & Commerce Commission approach generally; support ComCom requirements on supermarket chains	Improve policies that make it hard to develop a new business or enter a market (FDI, resource management, employment regulations etc) rather than relying on regulation via competition law	Require the two supermarket chains to divest their distribution centres & cool stores; require electricity generator to divest from retail; allow local lines companies into generation & retail
We said: Amend the Overseas Investment Act to allow more foreign investment	"Support foreign investment that creates productive, sustainable growth;" amend the OIA to make it easier for build-to-rent housing to be developed in NZ	Exempt OECD countries from OIA restrictions on investing in NZ	"Foreign investment can be positive" but we should "make it harder for overseas entities to buy NZ land & businesses"
We said: Infrastructure – let's get it built	Build infrastructure for growth (roads, public transport, renewable energy); establish a National Infrastructure Agency	Create dedicated PPP agency to secure private capital to build new infrastructure; introduce GST-sharing with Councils to incentivise more infrastructure building	
We said: Prioritise transport in infrastructure provision	Issue a Govt Policy Statement on National's new Roads of National Significance & public transport projects	Use PPPs and tolling to get more roads built	No roads to be privatised or corporatised; cycle lanes to be funded by councils, not the National Land Transport Fund

<i>We said: Remove FPAs</i>	Repeal Fair Pay Agreements Act	Repeal Fair Pay Agreements Act	
<i>We said: Reinstate 90-day trials for any business</i>	Reinstate 90-day trials for any business	Reinstate 90-day trials for any business	Reinstate 90-day trials for any business
<i>We said: Clarify the definitions of contractors vs employees</i>		Amend the ERA so contractors explicitly signed up to a contracting arrangement may not challenge their employment status in Employment Court	
<i>We said: Ensure vocational education is focused on business needs</i>	Disestablish Te Pūkenga; scrap Workforce Development Councils, use ITOs instead	Disestablish Te Pūkenga; scrap Workforce Development Councils	Enhance Workforce Development Councils; make Apprenticeship Boost permanent; free apprenticeships for in-demand vocations
<i>We said: Improve educational outcomes from schools</i>	Primary schools must devote 1 hour each for reading, writing & maths every day; no cellphones at school	Re-establish charter schools, publish league tables; let high schools opt out of NCEA and use other qualifications	Schools must focus on reading, writing, maths & science; more funding for STEM subjects
<i>We said: Improve immigration settings</i>	Improve immigration settings	Subject immigration policy changes to Regulatory Impact Analysis; improve visa settings; make it easier for migrants to move between employers	Focus immigration policy on meeting critical skill gaps; minimise importation of labour; encourage regionally dispersed migration
<i>We said: Repeal & replace current resource management laws</i>	Repeal & replace current resource management laws	Repeal & replace current resource management laws, inserting property rights	Replace with planning law as in England, Ireland; put property rights into the NZ Bill of Rights Act
<i>We said: Get more houses built</i>	Release more zoned land for housing; pay incentives to councils to deliver more new housing; simplify the rules around building houses; streamline building consents, requiring councils to accept digital evidence of work done; allow importation of wider range of building products meeting international standards equivalent to NZ's; restore landlord tax deductibility by 2026	Release more zoned land for housing; share relevant GST receipts with councils; introduce building insurance to replace regulations under Building Act; restore landlord tax deductibility in 2024	Release more zoned land for housing; restore landlord tax deductibility
<i>We said: Three Waters/ Affordable Water reforms – alternatives are needed</i>	Repeal and replace Three Waters legislation	Return water assets to councils	

<i>We said: Need more renewable energy provision</i>	Begin efforts to double renewable energy production, including work to issue a National Policy Statement for Renewable Electricity Generation		
<i>We said: Overturn the oil & gas ban</i>	Overturn the oil & gas ban	Overturn the oil & gas ban	Overturn the oil & gas ban; investigate a new SOE to prospect offshore oil & gas
<i>We said: Lake Onslow scheme would be too expensive and untimely to be worth it</i>	Stop work on Labour's Lake Onslow pumped hydro scheme	Stop work on Labour's Lake Onslow pumped hydro scheme	
<i>We said: Reduce emissions through technology, not by reducing production</i>	yes	yes	yes
<i>We said: Keep emissions pricing manageable</i>	Carbon price must remain in line with NZ's major agricultural competitors	Repeal Zero Carbon Act; no price on carbon unless our trading partners have it too; allow overseas mitigation; return ETS revenues to NZers through carbon tax refund	No price on carbon unless our trading partners have it too; use ETS revenues to fund emissions-reduction science

