



### **Candidate Profile Statement Conditions**

- Under section 61(2)(a) and (3) of the Local Electoral Act 2001 and regulation 27 of the Local Electoral Regulations 2001, a CPS:
  - if in Maori and/or English, must not exceed 150 words in each of the languages used in the CPS. The information contained in each language must be substantially consistent with the information contained in the other language.
  - in any other language or combination of languages, must not exceed 150 words or their equivalent if symbols are used rather than words, including any translation of those words. Where a CPS is in a language other than English or Maori, the candidate is asked to provide a translation of the CPS in English or Maori for verification of content. This translation is not published with the CPS.
- Every CPS must be submitted to the electoral officer before noon on 20 August 2010 (section 61(2)(b)).
- The content of a CPS under section 61(2)(c) must be confined to information:
  - concerning the candidate (including any affiliation made in the nomination paper or status as an independent and the candidate's contact details).
  - on the candidate's policies and intentions if elected.
- A CPS cannot be used to comment on the policies, performance, etc, of any other candidate.
- CPS's will be printed with no formatting, e.g. no bullet points etc. other than paragraphs.
- A CPS may include a recent photograph of the candidate alone which:
  - should be 472 pixels wide by 709 pixels high.
  - should be supplied electronically as a JPEG or PNG format.
  - should be 400 Kbytes.
  - as a general guide, has been taken within 12 months of the candidate's date of nomination.

### **Duties, Powers and Responsibilities of Electoral Officers in respect of Candidate Profile Statements**

- Where an electoral officer is not satisfied that a CPS complies with section 61(2) and (3), he/she must return the CPS to the candidate specifying:
  - the concerns and reasons for them.
  - the period, which must be not less than three days from the date of the CPS's return, within which an amended CPS may be resubmitted

#### *(Section 61(4))*

- A candidate will be treated as having failed to provide a CPS if under section 61(4) he or she:
  - fails to submit an amended CPS within the period specified by the electoral officer; or
  - submits an amended CPS, which in the electoral officer's opinion, still fails to comply with section 61(2) and (3)

#### *(Section 61(5))*

- It is important to note that under section 61(6), the electoral officer:
  - is not required to verify or investigate any information in a CPS.
  - may include in or with any CPS a disclaimer concerning the accuracy of the information in the CPS.
  - is not liable in relation to :
    - any statement in or omitted from a CPS; or
    - the work of a prudently selected translator; or
    - the exercise of the powers and functions conferred on the electoral officer under section 61.

### **Distribution of Candidate Profile Statements**

- Section 62 and regulation 29 requires the electoral officer to send with the voting documents, all CPS's that comply with Section 61 for each candidate in the election for a local government area or subdivision. In addition, a local authority may display CPS's at its offices, or service centres, and on its website in any appropriate manner.
- Any failure by an electoral officer to comply with section 62 will not invalidate the election.