

Questions at Political Meetings



You're at a political meeting, and you've managed to get in front of the microphone. Now, what? Here are some suggested topics and questions you could ask. (Bear in mind the best questions inform the audience about your topic before the question gets asked.)

GOVERNMENT OVERREACH

Preamble: The way politicians are following overseas trends and bowing to overseas influence to enforce policies that was were never canvassed for approval nor mandates sought during previous elections is very worrying. Parties seem to be working on the behalf of influential sponsors, lobbyists, and funders as opposed to working for the average New Zealander and the good of the country.

Question: It feels like most average Kiwis have had enough of this type of culture. What is your take on this? And how do you intend to fix this problem?

GLOBALISM – WEF

Preamble: Globalist organisations like the World Economic Forum (WEF) seem to have a disproportionate influence on New Zealand's affairs, despite the government receiving no mandate from the general public to work with them. In fact, many people are not even aware of the WEF and how it relates to the New Zealand domestic policy. This is a real concern for me and many other New Zealanders.

Question: What is your personal, and your party's position on the WEF?

FARMING

Preamble: The farming sector is New Zealand's primary export earner and contributor to GDP. Penalties on farmers under the guise of climate or environmental action seem to be hurting us economically for the sake of international climate bragging rights, with little tangible result. Meanwhile, corporations who themselves are responsible for spewing vast amounts of pollution into our air and waterways can simply buy thousands of acres of productive farmland, plant soil-acidifying pine trees, and declare themselves carbon neutral.

Questions: Do you think this type of 'greenwashing' practice is reasonable or fair? Where does the money come from for the carbon payment to these overseas corporations that have purchased carbon pine forests in New Zealand, and do you think that Class One soil and productive farmland should be excluded from this practice?

BANKING

Preamble: The banking industry seems to be removing ATM cash machines, closing branches, and removing cash transactions from branches... while in small towns the major banks also seem to be making it harder to pay bills and conduct business with cash. All the while banks individually make billions of dollars in profit every year. It's a government obligation to ensure the citizens of New Zealand have easy access to New Zealand currency AND cash.

Questions: What is your party going to do about ensuring Kiwis have ready access to cash? What are your policies around digital transactions or CBDC?

TAXES

Preamble: Based on the GST—goods and services tax—we pay the government every day for **everything**... we also pay fuel tax on top of GST, wage and salary tax, registration, and road user taxes.

Question: How do you plan to better distribute taxpayer contributions to the areas that need it most?

ROADS

Preamble: The taxpayer collectively pays billions of dollars to the transport fund. We now find these funds are being wasted on language-initiated road signs, wasteful building revamps, and meaningless cycleways... instead of fixing potholes or making road upgrades and repairs. (Bearing in mind we now have second-grade bitumen being imported from overseas due to the destruction of Marsden Point refinery which produced New Zealand grade bitumen for the purpose of New Zealand roads.)

Questions: What do you plan on doing about the abysmal state of our roads both on state highways and urban streets? Will you investigate Transit New Zealand, the wasteful spending of this government department and its neglect of the transportation industry for both the business and private sector in New Zealand?

WASTEFUL SPENDING

Preamble: It seems the last few years there has been an exorbitant amount of money wasted by state-run business and departments. This money is **our** money—we are obliged to pay taxes to the government for the betterment of our day to day lives and activities— income tax, GST, road tax, business tax, and we are taxed again on fuel. This money is for health, education, policing, etc, etc.

Questions: What do you plan to do to reign in wasteful spending in government departments such as unnecessary bureaucracy, consultancy, over-staffing, etc? Right now we are not getting a fair deal and the taxpayer is getting a little bit annoyed (to say the least) about the wasteful spending that's brought about the government debt this country now carries. Politicians need to start being accountable to the people. What do you plan to do to curb wasteful spending?

ACCOUNTABILITY ON MAJOR POLICIES

Preamble: In key areas of national interest such as health, education, major policy and infrastructure, we have found over many years governments stealthily introducing policy that many (some would say the majority) of New Zealanders haven't needed, wanted, required, or desired. Despite the fact we live in the internet age, when online polls could be simply and cheaply implemented with a wide range of security measures and open accountability.

Question: What assurances can you give Kiwis that your party will commit to its election promises, and stay open, transparent, and accountable as all elected officials are required to be?

Do you have great questions to pose to our political candidates, elected officials, and hopefuls? Let us know by emailing hello@voicesforfreedom.co.nz