

Political Lobbying Project

September 2023 Update

Welcome to our third newsletter about the Ministry of Justice's political lobbying project!

Progress update on a voluntary code for political lobbyists

On 30 August we held a follow-up meeting with government relations consultants on a voluntary code for third-party lobbyists. A summary of the meeting is on the [Ministry's political lobbying project page](#).

Attendees at the meeting agreed that the Ministry will prepare a first draft of an ethics-based code setting out expectations for all lobbyists. We expect to circulate a draft after October for review.

This is a first step. Whether anything more is needed will be wrapped into the longer-term regulatory project.

GIVE US YOUR VIEWS ON A CODE FOR POLITICAL LOBBYISTS

As part of the longer-term policy work, and to help us with the code's first draft, we would like to hear what you think about a code for political lobbyists by completing this short survey. There are five simple questions that will take five to 10 minutes. [Click here](#) to take the online survey.

Meetings on the wider policy work

During August and September, we've had excellent input from more than 100 people, including academics, transparency interest groups, industry and professional associations, general interest groups, companies and government relations consultants. A hui with Māori/iwi is still to come.

In our next newsletter we'll update you on what we heard at those meetings.

Find out more about this project

Check out the [ministerial briefing](#) summarising the approach we are taking.

About these updates

We send these updates every few months to keep you informed on progress and about opportunities to engage.

If you know of anyone else who would like to receive these updates, please pass this on to them. Anyone can register their interest on the Ministry of Justice political lobbying project webpage. These updates will also be posted online.

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