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Declaration of Result of First Flag Referendum

I declare the result of the referendum taken over the period commencing on 20 November 2015 and ending on 11 December 2015 on the question “If the New Zealand flag changes, which flag would you prefer?” to be as follows:

Option	Count 1	Count 2		Count 3		Count 4			Outcome	
	First Preference Votes	Votes Distributed	Progressive Vote Totals	Votes Distributed	Progressive Vote Totals	Votes Distributed	Progressive Vote Totals	% of Total Votes		
Option A: Silver Fern (Black, White and Blue) 	559,587	5,073	564,660	48,499	613,159	57,631	670,790	50.58%	SUCCESSFUL	
Option E: Silver Fern (Red, White and Blue) 	580,241	4,201	584,442	22,628	607,070	48,396	655,466	49.42%	UNSUCCESSFUL	
Option B: Red Peak 	122,152	12,409	134,561	14,760	149,321	Excluded			Excluded Count 3	
Option D: Silver Fern (Black and White) 	78,925	19,670	98,595	Excluded			Excluded Count 2			
Option C: Koru 	52,710	Excluded						Excluded Count 1		
Total Votes in Count	1,393,615		1,382,258		1,369,550		1,326,256			
Transferable Votes	-	41,353	-	85,887	-	106,027	-			
Non-transferable Votes	-	11,357	11,357	12,708	24,065	43,294	67,359			
Informal Votes	149,747	-	149,747	-	149,747	-	149,747			
Invalid Votes	3,372	-	3,372	-	3,372	-	3,372			
Total Votes Received	1,546,734	52,710	1,546,734	98,595	1,546,734	149,321	1,546,734			

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Absolute Majority Required per Count	696,808		691,129		684,775		663,128		
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Dated at Wellington this Tuesday the 15th day of December 2015.

ROBERT PEDEN, Returning Officer.

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