

Declaration by Electoral Commission That Harete Hipango is Elected a Member of Parliament

Whereas—

- A. The Electoral Commission has received a warrant from Her Excellency the Governor General, to supply a member of Parliament to fill a vacancy created by the resignation of Nicolas Rex Smith pursuant to section 55(1)(f) of the Electoral Act 1993;
- B. Under section 137(2) of the Electoral Act 1993, the Electoral Commission has determined that, of the unelected candidates on the party list of The New Zealand National Party, Harete Hipango stood highest in the order of preference on that list;
- C. Under section 137(3) of that Act, the Electoral Commission has asked the party secretary of The New Zealand National Party whether Harete Hipango remains a member of that party and the Commission has been informed that she remains a member of that party;
- D. Under section 137(4) of that Act, the Electoral Commission has asked Harete Hipango whether she is willing to be a member of Parliament and she has indicated her willingness to be a member of Parliament.

Therefore, pursuant to section 137(4) of that Act, the Electoral Commission declares that

Harete Hipango

is elected as a member of Parliament by publication of this declaration in the *New Zealand Gazette*.

Dated at Wellington this 11th day of June 2021.

ALICIA WRIGHT, Chief Electoral Officer.