

## CITIZENS INITIATED REFERENDUM INSTRUCTIONS

**\*Please print and read carefully**

*Please note this NEW referendum petition was launched on 14 July 2011 & must be signed in person.*

The Citizens Initiated Referendum to restore Crown ownership of the foreshore and seabed is being held under the Citizens Initiated Referenda Act 1993. Our goal is to gather the signatures of 10 percent of registered voters (around 320,000!) at the time the petition is submitted within 12 months of the 14 July start date, in order to force the government to hold a nation-wide public referendum on the question:

### **Should the Marine and Coastal Area (Takutai Moana) Act 2011 be replaced by legislation that restores Crown ownership of the foreshore and seabed?**

If you are helping to gather signatures in support of the referendum, please carefully read the following instructions so that every signature you collect counts.

**You need to make sure that the person who wants to sign hasn't already signed the referendum petition, that they are on the electoral roll, and that they carefully and clearly fill in their details.**

1. **Only people who are registered electors may sign the petition.** In other words their names must be on the electoral roll so that they can be verified as genuine. If they are not registered but are eligible and about to enrol, then they can sign. Enrolling or registering an address change can be done on the Elections website at:  
<https://secure.elections.org.nz/app/enrol/>

2. **The full first name, surname, and residential address of a signatory must be clearly printed,** and the signature (a mark or symbol is acceptable) must be legible, as the details will be checked by officials against the electoral roll to make sure the signatories are genuine. If a signatory lives at the same address as the person who has signed the form immediately above, it is acceptable to write "ditto", or use ditto marks or a tick to indicate the same address.

***\*The date of birth is optional, but it is advisable for a signatory to fill it in so it can be used by officials for verification purposes.***

***\*Providing an email address is optional – it will only be used by the Coastal Coalition to keep supporters informed about the progress of the petition.***

3. **If a form is spoilt** by a signatory altering the wording or substantially defacing the form, no other signatures should be collected on that form and a note should be made on the back explaining what has happened. Signatures obtained before the form was spoilt can be counted.

4. **Once petition forms have been completed** (***preferably with all 10 signatures***), they can be posted to: **COASTAL COALITION, PO BOX 984, WHANGAREI.**

5. If people you meet want to help collect signatures, please encourage them to visit the [www.CoastalCoalition.co.nz](http://www.CoastalCoalition.co.nz) website for more information and to download the referendum petition forms. Please contact Geoff Parker our Coastal Coalition CIR Coordinator with suggestions or queries on (09) 426 7874 or [cma3nz@inbox.com](mailto:cma3nz@inbox.com).