



New Zealand Political Studies Association
Te Kāhui Tātai Tōrangapū o Aotearoa

6th Local Government Elections Research Symposium

Local elections – Getting out the vote

Wednesday 27th November 2019

University of Canterbury

Programme runs from 9.30am - 4.30pm.

Programme (Draft)

Symposium opening

Guest speaker: *Jean Drage (Lincoln University)* on local government in Canterbury

Mike Reid (Local Government New Zealand) The 2019 local authority elections: Turnout and trends overview

Promoting voting and participation

Amanda Boyd and Mike Reid (Local Government New Zealand) The LGNZ and SOLGM collaboration to create interest in the elections, increase the number of candidates and encourage people to vote

Jean Drage (Lincoln University) Promoting the 2019 local elections - how hard can it be?

Warren Marshall (Auckland Council) Voting barriers amongst Auckland's diverse communities

Jesse Allpress (Auckland Council) Auckland Council's large-scale trial of voter messaging and turnout

Constitutional issues

Dean Knight (Victoria University) Constitutional norms in local government: Application, crystallisation, execution.

Voter participation

Matthew Gibbons (Victoria University) Voting and non-voting at local elections: The use of validated big data sets to explore voting in local and general elections.

Kyle Whitfield (Otago University) Youth and local government – do the two ever meet? Participation of young people in local government elections.

Result analysis

Maria Bargh (Victoria University) Māori representation in the 2019 local government elections including Māori constituencies and wards

Karen Webster (Auckland University of Technology) Whose voices are being heard in Auckland local government?

Shirin Brown (Auckland University of Technology) A quick whistle stop through the Auckland Local Board landscape, elections 2019

Jeff McNeill (Massey University) Captive councils? A longitudinal study on stakeholder influence in New Zealand's regional governance

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