Save Science *Kia mau a tātou pūtaiao*

These questions were based on the Save Science Coalition's items for an incoming government to focus on for the research and science sector, and were sent to all parties who were invited to the pre-election forum we hosted in August 2026.

If in government, will you...

	ACT	Green	Labour	Māori Party	National	New Zealand First	Opportunity
Commit to lifting science investment in New Zealand to at least 2% of GDP.	No response	Yes	Somewhat	No response	No response	No response	Yes
Commit to lifting public-good science investment in New Zealand.	No response	Yes	Somewhat	Yes	No response	Somewhat	Yes
Restore targeted funding to humanities and social sciences.	No response	Yes	Somewhat	Yes	No response	No	Yes
Ensure all public science and research funding has an allocation set aside for Mātauranga Māori.	No response	Yes	Somewhat	No response	No response	No response	Somewhat
Ensure PRO legislation emphasises public-good science and research.	No response	Yes	Yes	No response	No response	No response	Yes
Work with unions to agree industry standards for fair and equitable pay and conditions for science and technology workers including students working full-time on funded research projects.	No response	Yes	Yes	No response	No response	No response	Somewhat
Establish a robust career pipeline from universities to PROs and independent science organisations	No response	Yes	Somewhat	No response	No response	No response	Yes
Fund environmental monitoring networks, biological collections and nationally significant environmental datasets as critical national science infrastructure.	No response	Yes	Somewhat	No response	No response	No response	Yes
Identify and directly fund key nationally significant science infrastructure.	No response	Yes	Yes	No response	No response	No response	Yes
Set up mechanisms to connect business and industry with scientists.	No response	Yes	Yes	No response	No response	No response	Yes
Incubate investment in pre-clinical research, to bridge the gap between fundamental research and venture capital.	No response	Yes	Somewhat	No response	No response	No response	Somewhat
Commit to open publication requirements for Government funded science and research.	No response	Yes	Somewhat	No response	No response	No response	Yes
Reduce duplication and provide more direct research organisation funding as baseline institutional funding to reduce unnecessary commercial competition.	No response	Yes	Somewhat	No response	No response	No response	Yes
Create dedicated funding streams to support interdisciplinary, transdisciplinary and co-designed research	No response	Yes	Somewhat	No response	No response	No response	Yes
Consultation with active researchers and the public on decision-making regarding large-scale changes to science funding.	No response	Yes	Somewhat	No response	No response	No response	Yes

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