

# Opening of the 53rd Parliament

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The opening of New Zealand's 53rd Parliament marks the start of the new three-year Parliamentary term. It is the first time Members of Parliament who are elected in the General Election will meet as the Parliament.

New Zealand's 53rd Parliament will be formally opened with two ceremonies - the Commission Opening of Parliament on Wednesday 25 November 2020, followed by the State Opening of Parliament on Thursday 26 November 2020. The opening of a new Parliament is one of the few times when the Crown and the House of Representatives come together as Parliament in a ceremonial display.

**Check out key election dates on the 2020 election timeline.**

(<https://www.parliament.nz/electiontimeline/index.html>)



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What's the Opening of Parliament all about? David Wilson, Clerk of the House, and Suze Jones, Deputy Clerk, explain.





# OPENING *of* PARLIAMENT

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You're invited to watch the opening of the 53rd Parliament.

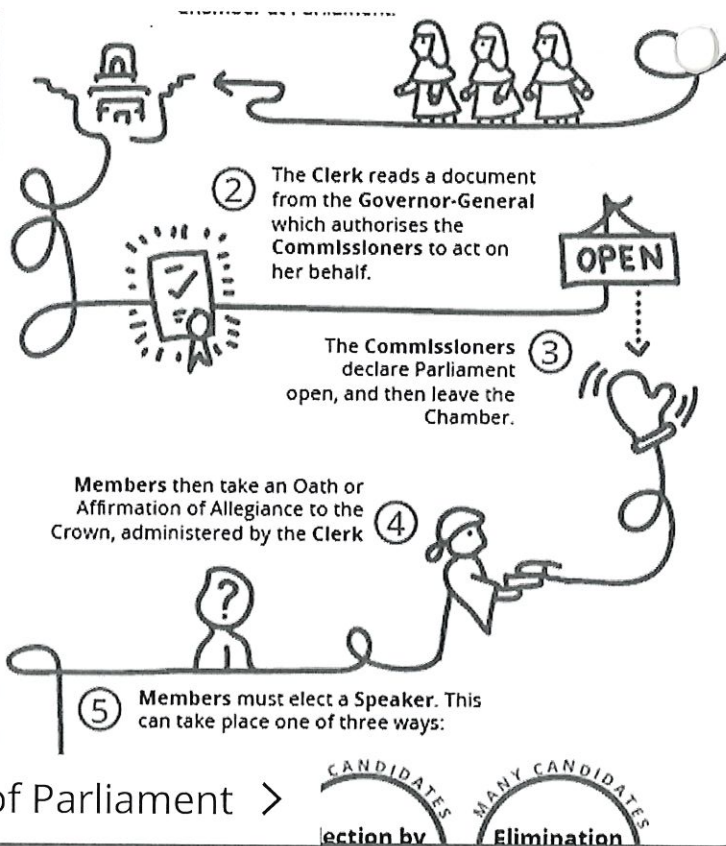
## COMMISSION OPENING *of* PARLIAMENT

TĀ NGĀ KAIKOMIHANA WHAKATUWHERA I TE PĀREMATA

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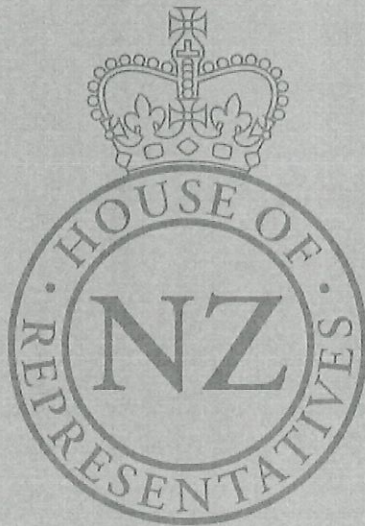
This is the day on which Parliament is formally opened. The Governor-General sends Commissioners to the House to declare Parliament open on her behalf.



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Here's an illustrated, step-by-step guide to the Opening of Parliament.



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The General Election was held on 17 October 2020. What happens next?



Key players >



who are the key players to look out for at the opening of Parliament?



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New Zealand's members of Parliament have just been elected for the next three years. Here's how you can have your say.

