



PAUL GOLDSMITH EPSOM

EPSOM NEWS

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Working for Epsom

I am writing this note at home in the Epsom electorate on a sunny autumn morning. Parliament is in recess and I have a day of local engagements ahead of me. Looking on to the street, new grass is just poking through the soil by the footpath after contractors have installed Ultra-Fast-Broadband. At the top of the street a new block of apartments is under construction; down the street a bit, an old house on a sloping section disappeared a week or so ago, no doubt making way for new modern homes.

This scene is being replicated all over the city. Activity, growth, renewal and transformation. On the weekend I took the kids out west, past the colossal works at Waterview, where a tunnel will send cars out across great arcing viaducts between motorways. It will be fantastic to sweep around those great bends and plunge into the tunnel. I'm also looking forward to less traffic on Manukau Road and the other current CBD-to-airport routes once the Waterview tunnel is up and running.

Auckland is the dynamic, leading city in a country that's clipping along pretty well, on the backs of the hard work and ingenuity of its people. The National Government, now six months into its third term, has helped by providing a strong, stable, predictable and sustainable economic environment, which has boosted confidence. People and their businesses only invest when they're confident, and it's investment that leads to growth and jobs. This Government, led by John Key, has also recognised the importance of investment in infrastructure – which is so critical in combating the pressures of

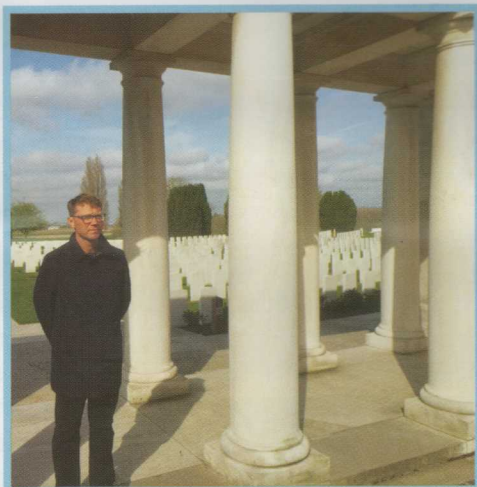
growth and in laying the platform for increased productivity. As the National List MP based in Epsom I am very aware of the strong support National has received from the people of Epsom, and the trust placed in us. We will never take it for granted. The door of my office at 107 Great South Road is always open for people with concerns and suggestions. I can't promise to solve every problem or to agree with every suggestion, but I will listen and do my best.

Meantime, I've taken the view that the best thing I can do for the people of Epsom is to advocate strongly within the National Government for the continuation of sensible, pro-growth economic policies; to argue in favour of policies that will build a more productive and competitive economy; to keep up the pressure for ongoing reform of public services so that they deliver what people actually want in the most efficient manner.

In my first term as a Member of Parliament I undertook that role from the backbenches. Since the election, I've had the opportunity to carry on as a Minister of the Crown. I can assure you that Ministers and the whole National Caucus are energetic and determined to continue to work hard for all New Zealanders.

Best wishes

Hon Paul Goldsmith
National List MP based in Epsom



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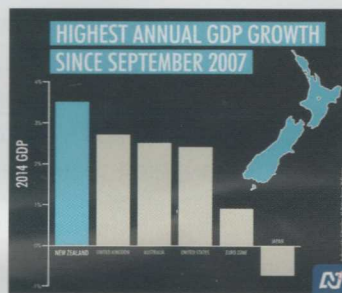
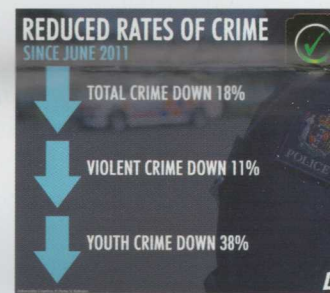
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Working for New Zealand

A strong economy that creates plenty of well-paying jobs holds the best promise for us all. And that remains this National Government's focus. At the same time we're working hard to help Kiwi families right now. Here are ten initiatives that are particularly important:

1. We have increasing paid parental leave from 14 to 16 weeks from 1 April this year and then again to 18 weeks in 2016.
2. From 1 July this year, all children under 13 can see their GP for free.
3. We're making homes around the country warmer, drier and healthier through our Warm Up New Zealand insulation plan.
4. We're partnering with the private sector to offer the KickStart Breakfast programme to all primary and secondary schools.
5. We're investing \$359 million in keeping our best teachers in the classroom, and keeping their skills and knowledge in the education sector.
6. We have nearly doubled our investment in early childhood education since 2008, and we are working hard to get 98 per cent of children in an ECE programme.
7. We're cracking down on domestic violence and crime, and making your communities safer. Crime is now at a 35 year low.
8. From 1 April this year, our HomeStart programme will help around 90,000 first home buyers in their first house over the next five years.
9. We're reducing ACC levies. By 1 July next year we will have put \$1 billion back in New Zealand families' pockets. That includes reducing motor vehicle levies by around 40 per cent.
10. Under our watch, 92 per cent of 8-month-olds are receiving full immunisation from a range of diseases.



An update from Electorate Chair Ian Campbell



The National Party in Epsom is a large, diverse and very active network of like minded members spread across four branches situated in Remuera, Parnell, Greenlane and Eden-Epsom. Each branch hosts its own regular social and political events and every second month this year we are arranging a combined meeting to host key speakers on relevant topics of interest, and to provide

feedback on current local or national issues that are important to those attending and for our electorate.

These regular events provide a good opportunity for existing and new members to meet our National List MP Hon Paul Goldsmith and other visiting MPs and speakers. These forums also provide an opportunity for

you to offer your own view or idea that could also contribute towards policy generation. All of these events which are planned in advance, are held in a relaxed atmosphere and include socialising with fellow and like-minded residents. Each occasion provides the opportunity for new members to join in and activate their interest here in Epsom.

Our volunteer network has helped deliver this newsletter to you today as we invite your support and feedback on matters that are important to you by replying using the freepost form. So, if this newsletter is of interest to you, and you wish to learn more about the National Party here in Epsom electorate, and would like the opportunity to do more, please contact me on 0274 770 486 or alternatively email ian.campbell@national.org.nz.

It's worthwhile being involved with the New Zealand National Party!

Commerce and Consumer Affairs

Since becoming the Minister for Commerce and Consumer Affairs in October last year I've been working hard to ensure that our legislative and regulatory settings give New Zealand businesses and consumers the best chance to benefit from the strong, stable, predictable and sustainable economic environment the National Government has worked to create.

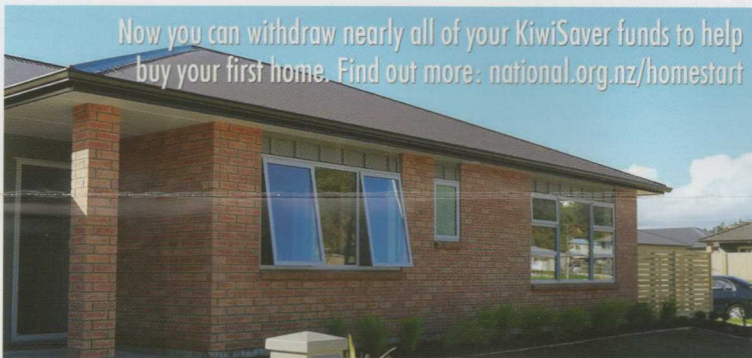
Since October, we have:

- Passed the Accounting Infrastructure Reform Bill;
- Passed the Trade (Safeguard Measures) Bill;
- Progressed the Standards and Accreditation Bill through select committee and back to the House for its final stages;
- Implemented all phases of the Financial Markets Conduct Act;
- Released new consumer credit regulations as a part of the Credit Contracts and Consumer Finance Act, including a Responsible Lending Code for all lenders and new rules for repossession agents; and
- Committed to progressing the implementation of the Geographic Indications (Wine and Spirits) Registration Act.

However, we know there is more to be done if we are to continue to grow a competitive domestic economy. This year, some of our goals include:

- Progressing the Commerce (Cartels and Other Matters) Amendment Bill;
- Reviewing our Financial Advisors Act legislation to ensure it is functioning as intended;
- Reviewing section 36 of the Commerce Act to ensure our competition law is fit for purpose; and
- Working with my other Ministerial Colleagues to promote and increase Financial Literacy levels in New Zealand.

This Government is committed to pursuing an ambitious programme that creates more jobs, lifts incomes, and provides essential services and support that families need. We are focused on working hard for New Zealanders.



Now you can withdraw nearly all of your KiwiSaver funds to help buy your first home. Find out more: national.org.nz/homestart



Two extra weeks paid parental leave from 1 April. Find out more: national.org.nz/helpingfamilies

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HAVE YOUR SAY - Complete this survey



"We're interested in hearing your views on the issues that matter to you.

Please take the time to complete this survey and return it by folding, taping and using the reply paid panel on the reverse."

1. Please tick the three issues that are most important to you:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Rolling out ultra-fast broadband, and investing in roads and rail | <input type="checkbox"/> More elective operations and shorter hospital waiting times |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tougher sentencing, parole, and bail laws | <input type="checkbox"/> Raising achievement and accountability in schools |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Reforming local government | <input type="checkbox"/> Welfare reform with a focus on work |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Practical environmental policies supporting growth | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |

2. Do you support banning vehicles from the summit of Mt Eden? (Yes / No)

3. Do you support the proposed Ports of Auckland wharf extension? (Yes / No)

4. Do you think current immigration levels are *(please tick)*? Too High Just Right Too Low

5. What is the most important local issue to you? _____

6. Do you support changing our flag? (Yes / No)

7. Please tick one of the following options:

I ALWAYS or I USUALLY support the following political party:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> United Future | <input type="checkbox"/> Maori | <input type="checkbox"/> National | <input type="checkbox"/> NZ First |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Green | <input type="checkbox"/> Labour | <input type="checkbox"/> Act | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |

OR I don't support any political party in particular.

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