

## Editor

Dear Sir,

The election has come and gone. I would like to compliment you on your forthright views. You nailed your flag to a mast and should not be criticized. Unfortunately Kiwis shy away from talking politics but you had the courage to be open and forthright. Some may not have agreed with you. That's their right and it's your right to express your view sincerely born of concern for the environment and the alarming erosion of fishing and hunting traditions. Unfortunately in this election just gone, the true democratic process was undermined by an imported German immigrant, his agenda and the antics. A tabloid-style media focused on that. Consequently issues and party policies took second place. The Council of Outdoor Recreation Associations of NZ (CORANZ) produced its usual election year charter and spelt out 17 important issues covering areas such as 1080, foreign sales, river quality, trout and deer as assets, access, population management etc. We ensured there were no political influences or bias in analyzing political party responses. Whether voters were distracted by the media focus or were afflicted with apathy (one million voters did not vote), CORANZ believes politics are unavoidable if we are to retain our egalitarian structure of fishing, hunting and the outdoors plus restoring the environment in areas such as rivers. In the lead-up to the 2017 election or earlier, CORANZ will again produce an election charter. Right from now CORANZ's vigilance and scrutiny will continue. It matters not which party is in government - CORANZ is "apolitical". CORANZ wants to inspire individuals to similar activity. If anyone is keen to get involved with CORANZ or any group (national or regional) wishes to join CORANZ, then please contact me. Andi Cockroft, Co-chair CORANZ  
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