

# How New Zealand is Governed — Knowledge Organiser

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## Key facts

- New Zealand is a democracy: people vote to choose their leaders.
- Parliament, in Wellington, makes the laws.
- New Zealand is a constitutional monarchy; the British monarch is head of state.
- Special seats help ensure Māori are represented in parliament.

## Key vocabulary

- Democracy — government chosen by the people.
- Parliament — the body that makes laws.
- Prime Minister — head of the government.
- Representation — having a voice in decisions.

## Having a say

New Zealanders vote for who makes their laws, and the system includes Māori seats to help ensure Māori voices are heard.

## The Crown's role

Like Australia and Canada, New Zealand keeps a historic link to the British Crown.