

# Current political issues

Hugo Group panels

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## Political party support – last 5 polls

	National	Labour	Greens	NZ First
Average	49.8	29.3	10.5	6.8

## Leaders' positions

<b>Post-budget</b>	<b>John Key</b>	<b>Andrew Little</b>	<b>Winston Peters</b>
<b>Colmar-Brunton*</b>	44	9	9
<b>Reid Research*</b>	39.4	11.6	11.2
<b>UMR**</b>	56/41	48/24	57/36

## New Labour party ginger group - Progress

- Stuart Nash, Josie Pagani and others
- New 'right' faction
- Risks creating a new round of toxicity
- But is indicative of how fragile Labour's circumstances remain
- Could review in some respects unremarkable
  - But accurately portrays a range of unresolved serious weaknesses

## Health and safety law reform

- Big vs small business / farmer issue?
- Business Leaders' Health and Safety Forum becoming active
  - Alarmed by delay and dilution
- Activity of WorkSafe, already operating, may be colouring farmer / SME views of the legislation
- PM insists Cabinet, as well as backbench, is concerned about "workability"

## Climate change

- Paris now looming
- G-7 committed to 40 – 70% GHG cuts by 2030 on 1990 levels
  - Expect fossil fuels to be abandoned by 2100
- 10,000 submissions in short, sham NZ consultation
- Govt documents stressed per household costs
  - \$1300 - \$1800 in 2027
  - 5% vs 40% on 1990 levels
  - \$50 carbon price assumed

## Climate change – big GHG cuts manageable?

- Infometrics analysis for MfE downplayed
- Suggests:
  - 0.9% to 1.1% of GDP impact over a decade
  - 5% vs 40% cut in GHG emissions vs 1990
  - Assumes \$50 carbon charge
  - Average annual GDP growth of 2.1%
  - Did not model impacts of climate change or potential benefits of behaviour change

## TPP – crunch time / Pharmac threat?

- House vote today US time
- Will again be very close – could fail
- June 26 a drop-dead date?
  
- Leaks alleging threats to Pharmac:
  - Leaked annex shows a technical and “surgical” strike on Pharmac
  - But of arguably limited impact vs what might have been



