



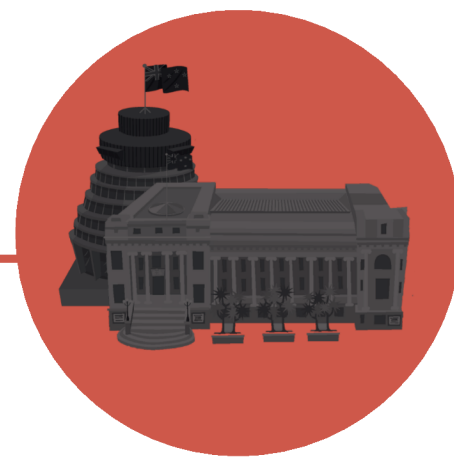
The Sovereign

The Sovereign is our head of State. The Governor-General is the King's representative in New Zealand.



The House of Representatives

The House of Representatives is made up of all the members of Parliament (MPs).



Parliament

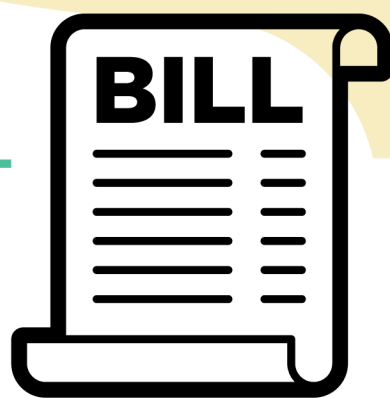
Parliament is a group of people made up of the Sovereign/Governor-General and all the elected members of Parliament.

PARLIAMENT



Represent

Members of Parliament represent the voters of New Zealand and make decisions on their behalf.



Legislate

Parliament's main role is to pass legislation (laws).



Scrutinise

The Opposition's job is to hold the Government to account. They do this through debate and asking questions in person (oral) and in writing (written).