

Which Voting System?

Survey results as at midnight Tuesday 28 July 2020

July 2020

RESULTS

631 complete submissions online -2 test / -3 anomalies (pref not clear) = 626 total submissions online

11 hard copy submissions

TOTAL: 637 submissions

For FPP: 231

For STV: 406

NOTE: Due to a delay in the release of the rates invoice, which included a promotion of the survey, the survey was extended for one week, closing midnight Tuesday 28 July. There were an additional 22 votes for FPP and 22 votes for STV. There were another 7 hard copy submissions, of which 5 supported FPP and 2 supported STV.

MAIN REASONS FOR CHOOSING FPP (231)

- 79 submitters chose FPP because it is simple and easy to understand
- 21 submitters gave the “one vote” reason for choosing FPP (as opposed to ranking)
- 20 submitters used the word “fair” or “fairer” in their reasoning for choosing FPP
- 19 submitters chose FPP because they don’t like STV
- 8 submitters gave straightforward results as their main reason for selecting FPP
- 2 submitters felt there would be better turnout
- 3 submitters chose FPP because it is familiar (these could be combined with “simple” category – doubles up with “easy to understand”)
- 7 people said there was no need for change
- 4 submitters say FPP is more honest
- 2 say it is more democratic
- 18 submitters did not give a reason
- Remainder just said FPP is better

MAIN REASONS FOR CHOOSING STV (406)

- 139 submitters use the word “fair” or “fairer” in their reasoning for choosing STV
- 51 submitters gave reasoning that was that STV was just generally “better”
- 43 people reference STV as being more democratic or representational
- 33 submitters main reason for choosing STV is because their vote will not be wasted
- 25 people say STV better reflects support for candidate or the views of the electorate
- 14 submitters use increased diversity of candidates/representation as their reason
- 11 submitters say that the ability to ranking candidates is the reason for their choice
- 10 submitters use “change” as their reason for voting for STV

- 7 submitters explicitly reference current representation as the driver for choosing STV
- 6 submitters chose because it wasn't FPP
- 5 submitters mention "balance"
- 3 mention that it might encourage voter turnout
- 2 reference better Māori representation as reason for their choice
- 24 people did not leave a reason for their choice
- Remainder just said STV is better

AGE DEMOGRAPHIC

Indicative percentages below (excludes a small number who did not give an age)

Age	FPP	STV
18-24	2.5%	1%
25-34	4.5%	5%
35-44	10%	12%
45-54	20%	13%
55-64	23%	23%
65-74	32%	31%
75+	7.5%	13%