



## Special Purpose Audit Report For RAM – Residents Action Movement

To the Electoral Commission  
For the purposes of section 210A of the Electoral Act 1993

We have audited the party donation return for 2009 of RAM (the Party) as required by section 210A of the Electoral Act 1993. The return is in the form of and contains the particulars prescribed by section 210 of the Act. The 2009 party donation return provides financial information in the prescribed format about the donations received by RAM during the 2009 year from 1 January 2009 to 31 December 2009.

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### Party Secretary's Responsibilities

The Party Secretary is responsible for the preparation of the 2009 party donations return in accordance with the requirements of section 210 of the Electoral Act 1993.

### Auditor's Responsibilities

It is our responsibility to express an independent opinion on the 2009 party donation return presented by the Party Secretary.

### Basis of Opinion

Our audit examined whether:

- The 2009 party donation return had been compiled correctly by the Residents Action Movement in accordance with the requirements of the Electoral Act 1993; and
- The 2009 party donation return showed all party donations received from all sources during the year end 31 December 2009 in accordance with the required statutory disclosures.

We conducted our audit in accordance with New Zealand Auditing Standards except the scope of work was limited as explained below. We planned and performed our audit so as to obtain all the information and explanations which we considered necessary in order to provide us with sufficient evidence to obtain reasonable assurance that the 2009 party donation return is free from material misstatements whether caused by fraud or error. In forming our opinion we also evaluated the overall adequacy of the presentation of information in the 2009 party donation return.

Other than in our capacity as auditor our firm has no relationship with, or interests in, the Party.



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### **Qualified Opinion**

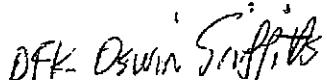
Although the return is based on the records of the Party there was no system of internal control over donations received on which we could rely for the purposes of our audit and there was no satisfactory audit procedures that we could adopt to confirm independently that all donations received were properly recorded.

In this respect alone:

- We have not obtained all the information and explanations that we have required; and
- We were unable to determine whether the 2009 party donation return has been compiled properly in accordance with the requirements of the Electoral Act 1993.

Because of the potential effect of the limitation in the evidence available to us, we are unable to form an opinion as to whether the party donation return for 2009 gives a true and fair view of party donations for the 2009 year.

Our audit was completed on 28<sup>th</sup> of June 2010 and our qualified opinion is expressed as at that date.



DFK OSWIN GRIFFITHS  
CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS  
AUCKLAND, NEW ZEALAND

28<sup>th</sup> June 2010



## Party Donations Return for the year ended 31 December 2009

Send to **Electoral Commission, PO Box 3050, Wellington**, to arrive by **30 April 2010**

For further information and assistance see the Elections NZ website: [www.elections.org.nz](http://www.elections.org.nz) or telephone the Electoral Commission at **(04) 474 0673**

Party name	RAM – Residents Action Movement
Party Secretary name	Grant Brookes

### Checklist:

Parts A to E completed (if no donations in a Part then write 'nil' in first row)	✓
Party Secretary has initialled every page	✓
All relevant supporting documentation supplied to auditor	✓
Auditor has stamped or initialled every page	
Auditor's report enclosed	
Representation letter enclosed, if used	



I declare that to the best of my knowledge this return contains all donations and information required pursuant to section 210 of the Electoral Act 1993 and is not false in any material particular.

  
(Party Secretary)

Signed: Grant Brookes  
date: 30 April 2010

**Part A – Every donor who has donated over \$10,000 during the year**  
**Sections 210(1)(a) and 210(2)**

This Part: – includes aggregations from the same donor (including those exceeding \$20,000 that have been reported during the year under section 210C)

- does not include contributors to donations, anonymous or overseas donations, or donations protected from disclosure (see Parts B, C, D and E)

The requirement to identify whether a donation contains contributions is in section 210(1)(b)

Donor's name	Donor's address	Date of donation (or dates of aggregated donations)	Does the donation contain contributions? (yes / no)	Amount of donation or aggregated donations
				Total
1 NIL				
2				
3				
4				
5				
6				
7				
8				

Party Secretary	Initial	13
Auditor	Stamp/Initial	✓

**Part B – Every contributor who has contributed over \$10,000 during the year**  
**Sections 210(1)(b) and 210(3)**

This includes aggregations of contributions from the same person

Contributors are defined in section 207, and the requirement to identify contributors is in section 207C.

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Party Secretary Initial	Auditor Stamp/Initial

**Part C – Every anonymous donation received that was over \$1,000  
Sections 210(1)(c) and 210(4)**

**Note:** If an anonymous donation is over \$1,000 the party is entitled to keep \$1,000 and must pay the excess to the Electoral Commission within 20 working days.

Anonymous is defined in section 207, and the requirement to relinquish the excess of anonymous donations is in section 2071

Party Secretary	<u>B3.</u>
Initial	<u>J</u>
Auditor	<u>J</u>
Stamp/Initial	<u>J</u>

**Part D – Every donation or contribution from an overseas person that was over \$1,000**  
**Sections 210(1)(d) and 210(5)**

**Note:** If a donation from an overseas person is over \$1,000 the party is entitled to keep \$1,000 and within 20 working days must either return the excess to the donor or pay the excess to the Electoral Commission. If an overseas contribution to a non-overseas donation is over \$1000, within 20 working days the party must either return the entire donation to the donor or pay it to the Electoral Commission.

Overseas person is defined in section 207K, along with the requirement to relinquish some donations with overseas components

Date overseas donation received	Amount of overseas donation	Was the excess returned to the donor or paid to the Electoral Commission?	Amount returned to donor or paid to Electoral Commission	Date excess returned to donor or paid to Electoral Commission	(for office use) Amount of payment and date received
NIL					
<b>Total</b>					

Date donation with overseas contribution received	Amount of overseas contribution	Was the donation returned to the donor or paid to the Electoral Commission?	Amount returned to donor or paid to Electoral Commission	Date donation returned to donor or paid to Electoral Commission	(for office use) Amount of payment and date received
NIL					
<b>Total</b>					

Party Secretary Initial	<i>✓</i>
Auditor Stamp/Initial	<i>✓</i>

**Part E – All payments from the Electoral Commission of donations protected from disclosure  
Sections 210(1)(e) and 210(6)**

Donations protected from disclosure are defined in section 208

Party Secretary Initial	<i>D. B.</i>
Auditor	<i>J. S.</i>
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