



## The EDUCANZ boycott - guidance for members

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**Clause 1:** Not accepting nomination or appointment to the EDUCANZ Council

This clause clearly barred PPTA members, including the Executive, from nominating anyone to the Council in the round which occurred in March 2015, or accepting nomination, or accepting an appointment if offered directly by the Minister's office.

The clause contains an end-point, "until the legislation is amended to include elected teacher representatives and union representatives", so unless the membership, in a future ballot, decides to rescind this boycott, this ban continues to apply in any future nomination/appointment round for the Council.

PPTA will continue to work towards amendment of the legislation to include elected teacher representatives and union representatives, and draft replacement legislation has been prepared to provide to opposition parties for Members' Bills and for their policy development for the next election.

Clause 1 does not bar PPTA members from seeking appointment to membership of the Disciplinary Tribunal, the Complaints Assessment Committee or other such bodies. These bodies are distinct from the Council itself and perform functions that would exist in any teacher regulation body.

### **Background to boycott:**

On 19 March 2015, members were advised in a Collective News that the following proposals for a boycott on EDUCANZ had been endorsed by 95% of the membership:

That PPTA members be instructed:

**Clause 1:** Not to accept nomination or appointment to the EDUCANZ Council until the legislation is amended to include elected teacher representatives and union representatives.

The following clause (clause 2) voted on during the March 2015 meetings was lifted in June 2016 after a branch based membership vote.

**Clause 2:** Not to participate in formal EDUCANZ consultation processes.