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Statement of solidarity

The Internet Party is pleased to confirm that we are currently preparing our campaign for the 2017 New Zealand general election on September 23.

Early in 2017 Kim Dotcom tendered his resignation from the Executive Committee of Internet Party NZ, as publicly tweeted at the time. Likewise, he is not involved in the Campaign Committee for our 2017 campaign, or its operational decision-making. As such, Kim Dotcom has no advance knowledge that we are issuing this statement.

Like many, we are shocked by recent allegations that Democratic National Committee employee Seth Rich was a WikiLeaks source. Both Kim and the Internet Party are long-term supporters of WikiLeaks, and we are certain such claims would not be made unless they were true.

We are delighted to hear Seth Rich was interested in starting an Internet Party in the United States, and are aware of past attempts by people in Poland and Germany to create Internet Parties. We expect that the Internet Party will continue to propagate globally in the long-term, as have other political movements like the Greens and the Pirate Parties.

The Internet Party and its events were seriously misrepresented in the New Zealand media in 2014, particularly the Moment of Truth, at which many revelations were made by whistleblower Edward Snowden about the New Zealand government's complicity in US mass surveillance efforts. Local media reported the Moment of Truth as a flop despite record attendance in-person and online, and the numerous unique revelations made by Snowden throughout the event.

This revisionist history has a use-by date that is set to expire in 2017. Further information will continue to come to light about the extent to which New Zealand and the world have been actively deceived by their politicians and the state.

We would like to extend our deepest sympathies to the Rich family, and to the families of all political targets in New Zealand who have been drawn into this vast spiderweb of deceit one way or another - [of which there are many](#).

In 2014, injury was done to the historical record of New Zealand politics. We look forward to that being corrected, for the benefit of all New Zealanders.

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You can help bring truth and hope to New Zealanders. Join the campaign by [signing up via our existing website](#) today! New official Campaign 2017 website coming soon.

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