

TE TIRITI O WAITANGI & JUSTICE POLICY WHĀNAU-CENTRED & TREATY-DRIVEN

Te Tiriti o Waitangi is the founding document of our modern nation reflecting the partnership between Māori as tāngata whenua and the Crown. The government in exercising its kāwanatanga or governance has an obligation to also honour and support the partnership and ensure that Māori retain rangatiratanga or self-determination.

The Māori Party advocates for a restorative justice system based on Te Tiriti o Waitangi which is whānau-centred and free of discrimination.

GOING FORWARD

Te Tiriti o Waitangi

The Māori Party will:

- Introduce the Oaths and Declarations (Upholding the Treaty of Waitangi) Amendment Bill to enable anyone taking any oath the option of stating that they will uphold Te Tiriti o Waitangi
- Establish a Parliamentary Commissioner for Te Tiriti o Waitangi
- Establish a new convention by which every cabinet paper, regulatory statement and bill must include a Treaty clause
- Ensure more constructive and timely responses by the Government to recommendations from the Waitangi Tribunal, including WAI 262
- Review the Office of Treaty Settlements and the Post Settlement Commitments Unit so that they meet expectations of Iwi and the Crown
- Establish a regime for quarterly reports to the Iwi Chairs Forum and an annual report to Parliament from the Post Settlement Commitments Unit on progress with implementing Treaty settlements
- Support an independent enquiry taking into account the examination conducted by the United Nations Special Rapporteur into New Zealand's Climate Change policy that stated it is discriminatory in respect of the rights of Māori.
- Hold local government to account over treaty relationships with hapū and ensure they are representative of mana whenua
- Maintain state sector focus on enacting outcomes from the Constitutional Review to ensure it gives effect to Te Tiriti o Waitangi
- Include cultural competency training programmes and certification for any services delivered by government agencies and introduce cultural competence as an employment standard into the HR systems of the state sector.

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GOING FORWARD (CONT.)

A justice system that works with whānau to solve problems

The Māori Party will:

- Initiate a review into the entire Justice System aligned with tikanga Māori and with a focus on eliminating institutional racism.
- Repeal the three strikes legislation
- Repeal the Electoral (Disqualification of Sentenced Prisoners) Amendment Bill
- Establish an anti-corruption commission to absorb the investigative functions of the State Services Commission, Serious Fraud Office, the Judicial Conduct Commissioner and Conduct Panel and the Parliamentary Privileges Select committee
- Dis-establish the Independent Police Conduct Authority and transfer its functions to the Anti-Corruption Commission
- Emphasise a community justice approach to criminal justice and re-direct investment to support that approach
- Review funding of Community Law Centres to enable community legal services to be sustainable and improve access to legal information, expertise and knowledge and extend to a further six regions
- Support whānau-focused alcohol and drug addiction, recovery and restoration programmes and services including in prisons.
- Initiate Computers in Cells to assist with literacy and numeracy
- Introduce Whānau Facilitators to ensure whānau are informed and are able to discuss all their choices and the consequences (legal and non-legal) in the family court system
- Ensure Whānau Facilitators work closely with iwi and hapū within the Whānau Ora Commissioning Agencies.

BUILDING ON THE GAINS SINCE 2008

As part of the Government, the Māori Party has:

- Negotiated for New Zealand to be a signatory to the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP) which was signed by Hon Pita Sharples in 2010.
- Established Whare Oranga Ake - a programme for training and repatriating prisoners to life outside, and also preparing the community to receive and support offenders at the end of their sentence.
- Lobbied to have the injustice of the Operation Eight raids recognised in a formal apology by the New Zealand Police.