

To the Ministry for Regulation,

I am Darryl Cousins, a farm labourer (more specifically a part-time, living-wage harvester of a medium-sized certified organic vegetable farm).

I was born in 1963. I am Pākehā with ancestral immigrants aboard the Randolph (1850) and the S.S. Ionic (1883), respectively maternal and paternal. I have embarked from time to time in tertiary education (both in sciences and humanities) but I have never completed an under-graduate degree.

I have done my very best to read all I can about the proposed Bill, including the Bill itself, the Discussion Document, and other related material found on the internet authored by academics and journalists (both independent and media employees).

I find myself woefully unqualified to present an in depth submission in my own words. Therefore I submit the following statement of opposition and add my endorsement and support to two submissions that the authors have kindly made available to the public.

I oppose the Bill primarily because:

1. It does not give precedence to Te Tiriti o Waitangi.
2. It is intended to enshrine the rights of the individual over the collective good of all New Zealanders and the environment.

Furthermore I support the submissions made by:

Professor Emeritus Jane Kelsey¹
Faculty of Law
University of Auckland

Jonathan Boston ONZM²
Emeritus Professor of Public Policy
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Te Herenga Waka – Victoria University of Wellington

Ngā mihi,
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¹ <https://melanienelson.substack.com/p/jane-kelsey-submission-on-the-proposed>

² <https://melanienelson.substack.com/p/regulatory-bill-emeritus-professor>