
Treaty of Waitangi

- The 3 P's

Different understandings of the Treaty have long
been the subject of debate.

It is common now to refer to the intention,
spirit or principles of the Treaty.

These principles are derived from the underlying tenets of the Treaty.

They are used to bridge the gap between the literal differences between the Māori and English texts.

Partnership

Acknowledges sovereignty/governance and working together with the same rights and benefits as subjects of the Crown.

It means engaging with Māori in the community, inclusion and equality.

Partnership relies on us welcoming and having genuine relationships with our Māori community.

Historically for many Māori there have not been “open door” policies and Māori have not felt welcomed and valued in community.

Protection

Protection means actively protecting Māori knowledge, interests, values, and other taonga.

Identity, language, and culture are important expressions to protect.

It means that Māori tikanga (culture and protocols) and taonga (treasures) such as Te Reo Māori (Māori language) are respected and given equal footing to the tikanga and taonga of other cultures.

Adding a Māori perspective to topics and inquiry is an opportunity for us to weave tikanga and Māori viewpoint into everyday situations.

Participation

Acknowledges sovereignty/governance.

Strengthening our understanding and respect for Māori culture as well as creating and cultivating relationship.

This means ensuring equal participation, and also that Māori have input into decision-making that directly affects them.

Participation is often an organic outcome from partnership when it is considered effectively.

Activity:

Aaron is designing and developing an application for a startup that will control lighting within a home.

Aaron has achieved funding through a local group for his project and the funders would like the 3 p's of Treaty of Waitangi illustrated in his plan or integrated into the product.

What could Aaron do to acknowledge the 3 p's within his application or business plan?