

Online Submission for Principles of the Treaty of Waitangi Bill

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Dear Committee Secretariat,

**I wish to make the following comments:** Since its signing nearly two centuries ago, the New Zealand settler government has continually failed to meet the obligations it agreed to in Te Tiriti o Waitangi. The Principles of the Treaty of Waitangi Bill is not merely a continuation of the erosion of tino rangatiratanga Māori, which Te Tiriti guarantees, but in flagrant violation of Article 37§1 of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, which New Zealand has a moral responsibility to comply with:

1. Indigenous peoples have the right to the recognition, observance and enforcement of treaties, agreements and other constructive arrangements concluded with States or their successors and to have States honour and respect such treaties, agreements and other constructive arrangements.

**I wish to make the following recommendations:** I call upon the New Zealand government to withdraw and abandon this bill. Should the settler government genuinely wish to re-evaluate Te Tiriti in good faith, it must first actually meet the terms it agreed to; which the Treaty Principles Bill is completely at odds with.

Thank you for your consideration,

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Signature

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Date