

## UNDERSTANDING THE TREATY IN 2020

The Treaty is a framework for all of us IF it is honoured.

It was and is an invitation from Tangata Whenua to Tangata Tiriti to belong in this land.

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where the indigenous status of Tangata Whenua and the place of [Tangata Tiriti](#) is understood.

We take the text in te reo as the Treaty/te Tiriti o Waitangi. The so-called English Version, which is far from an accurate translation of the original Treaty, was not at Waitangi on February 6th 1840. See our Treaty poster for more on this.

Nelson Mandela once said:

*'It is difficult to negotiate with those who do not share the same frame of reference.'*

Referring to these words and to those spoken by Captain William Hobson after he had signed Te Tiriti on behalf of the British Crown on February 6 1840: 'He iwi kotahi tātou' meaning 'Now we are one people' Dr Pita Sharples then commented (in 2006):

*If we are able to recognise and come to have a shared view of this political document called the Treaty of Waitangi, as our shared frame of reference, then and only then, can we perhaps say - "He iwi kotahi tātou".*

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