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Understanding the Treaty as a framework for the future for all of us

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The timing of Kiingi Tuheitia's death is particularly devastating for both his whānau and te ao Māori, writes Jamie Tahana.

The death of Kiingi Tuheitia this week was sad enough. That it comes at this moment, in this of all years, at this politically charged time, makes it a particularly wretched blow. ... It came just days after his 18th koroneihana celebrations, where he once again urged tangata whenua and tangata Tiriti to unite in kotahitanga. [Read more](#)

The debate over whether Māori ceded sovereignty in 1840 has flared up in Parliament, with party leaders staking clear positions where they have previously tip-toed. **Prime Minister Christopher Luxon** reopened the can of worms when pressed during Question Time last week, saying he believed "Māori ceded sovereignty to the Crown".

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A time of mourning and renewal

O'Malley tells a story about organised resistance to the Crown's invasion of Waikato and the creation of the Kingitanga movement ... It is impossible to separate that founding story from the powerful and inspiring scenes we have witnessed since the death of Kiingi Tuhetia... [Read more](#)



Dispelling the myths around the seabed and foreshore

OPINION: What's remarkable about the **sudden Government announcement** and **private advertising campaigns** about the foreshore and seabed is not what has happened, but what hasn't.

Ngāi Tahu is not seeking to exclude the public from the marine and coastal area, writes Justin Tipa, the kaiwhakahaere of Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu. - [Read more](#)

ECan stands firm on Ngāi Tahu representation



Environment Canterbury (ECan) has rejected a request from the government to remove Ngāi Tahu representation at the council table. Regional councillors voted to retain the Ngāi Tahu councillors at a meeting on Wednesday, declining a request from Local Government Minister Simeon Brown to repeal the Canterbury Regional Council (Ngāi Tahu Representation) Act 2022 by putting forward

Lurching towards constitutional impropriety

Sir Geoffrey Palmer, constitutional law expert and former Prime Minister, takes a deep, concerned look at the risks this Government is taking with hasty law changes.

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Treaty Bill: Officials advised against redefining principles

The Ministry of Justice has warned the proposed Treaty Principles Bill isn't "grounded in the Treaty" and relies on a "novel reading" of the founding document that isn't supported by the "available evidence". - Read and watch [here](#)



What is the Treaty Principles Bill costing the Govt? -

"The principles of the Treaty are not going anywhere," Seymour said. "Either Parliament defines them, or the courts will continue to venture into an area of political and constitutional importance."

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The Maui-sized fish-hook in ACT's Treaty principles bill

"There's no principles, the Treaty is written," Tūheitia said. "That's it."

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A journey through Kāi Tahu & Aotearoa New Zealand Tiriti history: WORD Christchurch 2024

Te Kāhahu Huru huri o te Tiriti was a presentation from Helen Brown, Co-Manager, Ngāi Tahu Archive, Katherine Peet, Network Waitangi Ōtautahi and Amelia Dalley, Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu. - [Read more](#)

Ko Te Kāhui te ingoa o te pou

"I've had the opportunity to fulfill the dreams I had as a little boy who grew up in Ōmarama... To give visual form to the aspirations of our Papatipu Rūnanga, to assist them to have a

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after the blessing of his cultural artwork at the entrance to Te Manahuna (the Mackenzie Basin) last week.

“The footprints of Ngāi Tahu continue to return to the landscape,” added Kaiwhakahaere Justin Tipa. [Read more](#)

‘Be Māori all day, every day’

In January, Kiingi Tuheitia took the unprecedented step of calling all iwi to Tūrangwaewae in response to the new government’s policies on kaupapa Māori. He addressed the crowd of more than 10,000 himself, with a message of unity and hope. Here’s what he said. - [Read more](#)

Government 'clarifying' functions of Te Arawhiti and Te Puni Kōkiri



The government is proposing to scale back the responsibilities for Te Arawhiti - the Office for Māori-Crown Relations - and shift them to the Ministry for Maori Development, Te Puni Kōkiri. Crown-Māori Relations Minister Tama Potaka says it is "clarifying the respective functions of Te Arawhiti and Te Puni Kōkiri".- [Read more](#)

‘The most overtly racist government in decades’

‘An annual monitoring report to the United Nations describes the current government as the “most overtly racist” in Aotearoa in decades. The Aotearoa Independent Monitoring Mechanism is a Māori working group created in 2015. Members are selected by their iwi and endorsed by the National Iwi Chairs Forum to act as independent experts. The purpose of the Monitoring Mechanism is to promote and

Waitangi Tribunal: Treaty bill should be abandoned



Dr Caren Fox (Ngāti Porou, Rongowhakaata, Te Whānau a Apanui)

The Waitangi Tribunal has released its interim report into the government's proposed Treaty Principles Bill and Treaty Clause Review.

In releasing the report, the Chair of the Tribunal, Caren Fox, sent a letter to the three coalition leaders, urging them to take action to undo the damage they're causing to Māori-Crown relations.

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Ngā Mātāpono – The Principles is now available to download as a PDF file: [Read more](#)

A Crown Without Principles

“The Crown, including the courts and the parliament, seized on the ‘principles’ as a device to maintain the status quo and to avoid the realities of Te Tiriti.” — Ngā Toki Whakarururanga - **[Read more](#)**

Together for a Flourishing Aotearoa - Te Tiriti o Waitangi explained

Learn more about what Te Tiriti is really about, and how to talk about it - **[here](#)**'s a really great place to start.



Tina Ngata: New Zealand media is soaked in oil and racism

right-wing conservative group which has a history of splashing out on racially-divisive advertising. Here, Tina Ngata looks at the role of the media in fuelling and upholding racism in Aotearoa. (Content warning: Contains racist media.) - [Read more](#)



Time to retire the term ‘race relations’

Using the term “race relations” to describe current debate on the Treaty is unhelpful and inaccurate, explains Lara Greaves. - [Read more](#)

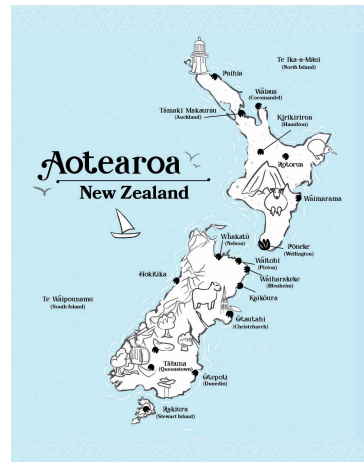
Warnings of 'political interference' as Govt looks to move oversight of teacher training

A plan to shift oversight of teacher training from the independent Teaching Council to the Ministry of Education has been described as a ‘dangerous precedent’

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Whenua: How land moved out of Māori control – explore our interactive map

Welcome to *Whenua: Our Land, Our History*, an interactive map of New Zealand showing how Māori land passed into Pākehā ownership and the stories surrounding it. - [Read more](#)



Whakaata Māori cuts: Potaka under fire from Te Pāti Māori and the Greens

Staffing and content cuts announced today at Whakaata Māori have sparked sharp criticism from Te Pāti Māori and the Green Party, saying the coalition government was to blame. In a statement this afternoon, Te Pāti Māori singled out Māori Development Minister Tama Potaka, saying his decision was a “colossal failure”. Tākuta Ferris, the party’s broadcasting spokesperson, said “a senior Māori

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generations. This is his failure, for our people and for our kids.” - [Read more](#)

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A contentious legal dispute has emerged in the Sorong Regency, Papua Barat Daya Province, involving PT Mancaraya Agro Mandiri (MAM), a subsidiary of the Manca Group, and the Indigenous Peoples Alliance of the Archipelago (AMAN) Malamoi. - [Read more](#)

Silencing Indigenous Voices? PT MAM's Subpoena Raises Human Rights Concerns in Sorong



UN Secretary General António Guterres message on the International Day for the World's Indigenous Peoples. [HERE](#) is his timely reminder the rights of Indigenous peoples to live and to be protected must be guarded!

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The Melanesian Spearhead Group (MSG) wants to have a meeting with Indonesia's incoming President Prabowo Subianto to address ongoing human rights concerns in West Papua. - [Read more](#)

NWŌ recognises the text in te reo Māori as the Treaty.

No English language version was signed at Waitangi on 6 February 1840.

Any NWŌ references to the Treaty/Te Tiriti are to that text in te reo Māori.

A modern, accurate expression in English of its text in te reo Māori is available on the [NWŌ website](#).

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