**Treaty Principles Bill update – with thanks to Action Station**

* for NWŌ course at CWEA 26&28 September 2024

On 9 September 2024 Prime Minister Christopher Luxon (after the Bill was discussed by Cabinet Ministers) confirmed it would be introduced in November - despite widespread opposition. He refused to give further details.

This Government’s Coalition agreement is being prioritised over the 184 year Treaty agreement that embraces our country’s past, present and future.

*NWŌ recognises the text in te reo 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.*

*There are no substitutes.*

440 church leaders, over 230 community organisations, 26 of our most distinguished Te Reo translators, opposition parties, multiple iwi and the Waitangi Tribunal have all clearly told the Prime Minister that the Treaty Principles Bill should not be progressed. 1 2 3 4 5 6 7

We know there are hundreds of thousands of people across Aotearoa who respect and value Te Tiriti o Waitangi as an essential part of who we are as a nation and those who agree with them need to send a strong message to the Coalition Government that we do not support the Treaty Principles Bill. Now is the time to show our unity and commitment to a flourishing Aotearoa for all with Te Tiriti o Waitangi at its heart.

We may be able to make a difference. On 10 September responses from the wider community resulted in ACT leader, David Seymour conceding that the Treaty Principles Bill would include an addition acknowledging the ‘rights of hapū and iwi.’ 8 **But tino rangatiratanga is not a small addition to Te Tiriti o Waitangi.**It is the heart of the Treaty agreement. The proposed Treaty Principles Bill with its 6 month Select Committee process has been compared to a Trojan horse for enabling hate and driving division. Its strong supporters are well funded neoliberal actors who seek to roll back indigenous rights for their own political ends.

**Action Station has launched**[**Together for Te Tiriti**](https://identity-inbound.actionstation.org.nz/clicks/link/3256/0ace62ce-1f6f-465c-bc77-260030f2c9b0?url=https%3A%2F%2Ftogetherfortetiriti.nz%2F%3Futm_source%3Dactionstation%26utm_medium%3Demail%26utm_campaign%3Dblast3256%26source%3Dactionstation%26bucket%3Dblast3256&member_guid=64930e29384c56161e632f543c18f46156dfa520dbf0134b2a91c77143fa94c57c29140f781fc79a3355faf404f540b1af4b6c7aad41811a21c2a0f8e77f8a3c&identity-signature=0795b83fa3189905aedb6052801a1b2b3ad18a5dac7fc33777ee274e9c286f51)**; a campaign for anyone across Aotearoa to visibly show their support for honouring Te Tiriti o Waitangi** by [**ordering a placard**](https://identity-inbound.actionstation.org.nz/clicks/link/3256/0ace62ce-1f6f-465c-bc77-260030f2c9b0?url=https%3A%2F%2Fposters.togetherfortetiriti.nz%2Fcollections%2Fplacards%3Futm_source%3Dactionstation%26utm_medium%3Demail%26utm_campaign%3Dblast3256%26source%3Dactionstation%26bucket%3Dblast3256&member_guid=64930e29384c56161e632f543c18f46156dfa520dbf0134b2a91c77143fa94c57c29140f781fc79a3355faf404f540b1af4b6c7aad41811a21c2a0f8e77f8a3c&identity-signature=ac8cdc6ebf0cd9dadfa15be3f39de0e3f2c3120a4dbf863ff3ba41c8ad28cf24) or[**printing a poster**](https://identity-inbound.actionstation.org.nz/clicks/link/3256/0ace62ce-1f6f-465c-bc77-260030f2c9b0?url=https%3A%2F%2Fposters.togetherfortetiriti.nz%2Fproducts%2Fprint-your-own-poster%3Futm_source%3Dactionstation%26utm_medium%3Demail%26utm_campaign%3Dblast3256%26source%3Dactionstation%26bucket%3Dblast3256&member_guid=64930e29384c56161e632f543c18f46156dfa520dbf0134b2a91c77143fa94c57c29140f781fc79a3355faf404f540b1af4b6c7aad41811a21c2a0f8e77f8a3c&identity-signature=6549abf4866eee3be5259d6c7bce128fb119db48a8ea45e77553dbc0feceee96) and putting it up at your home, in your neighbourhood or community.

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| If as many people as possible show their support for Te Tiriti then it will make it difficult for others who promote the Treaty as divisive and who provide disinformation to argue that do not support Te Tiriti. If Tangata Tiriti show up in force, then the Coalition Government will know it is not just Māori who care about Te Tiriti.  At the recent hui-aa-motu at Tuurangawaewae, leaders from local communities, elected officials and representatives of both ngā iwi Māori & the entirety of Te Moana-nui-a-Kiwa (Pacific Islands), came together. It was an unprecedented collective moment that filled many of us with hope. Sadly, the news of Kiingi Tuheitia’s passing soon followed, and the outpouring of grief was felt around the motu. Next month his successor and daughter Te Arikinui Kuīni Nga wai hono ī te po will travel to te Wai Pounamu for the following hui, Te Pūnuiotoka which is hosted by Ngāi Tuūāhuriri at Tuahiwi marae.  **Te Tiriti was always a generous invitation from Tangata Whenua for us all to live together in peace and mutual benefit - and we can still live into that promise!**  References:   1. 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