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

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Welcome to the latest edition of SNIPPETS
Treaty news from around the network.
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In this resource, we share information about current conversations and issues; local, national and sometimes international.

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Graciously tenacious



“I think she was incredibly ambitious —not for herself but for the greater good of whānau Māori. She wanted the best and wasn’t prepared to accept anything less.”
— Merepeka Raukawa-Tait remembers Dame Tariana Turia. - [Read more](#)

Gloves come off in Ngāi Tahu water case

Echoing an infamous quote about the Treaty of Waitangi made by chief justice Sir James Prendergast in 1877, Finlayson said: "It is not putting it too high to suggest that the Crown's case is that rangatiratanga is a nullity." - [Read more](#)

'Not one more metre' - iwi protests against port expansion

Māori in Whakaraupō-Lyttelton Harbour are furious the port company is going ahead with another reclamation project and want it stopped immediately.

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Treaty Principles Bill

Treaty principles report will exclude thousands of public submissions

The outstanding submissions could be lost from the public record unless Parliament passes a separate resolution to archive them after the fact. - [Read more](#)

Prime Minister doubles down on allowing exclusion of Treaty Principles Bill submissions

Prime Minister Christopher Luxon has doubled down on allowing submissions on the Treaty Principles Bill to be excluded, and David Seymour agrees - saying it's important to meet their timing commitments. That's despite warnings from legal scholars the move sets a precedent that could erode democratic participation. [Read more](#)

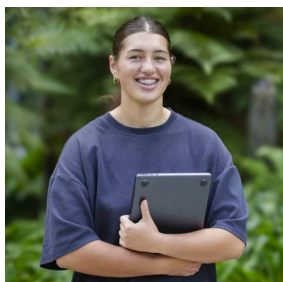
Parliament agrees to add all Treaty Principles submissions to public record

Parliament has unanimously agreed to allow all submissions on the [Treaty Principles Bill](#) to be added to the public record, after a last-minute motion was moved by ACT MP Todd Stephenson- [Read more](#)

Justice Select committee calls for Treaty Principles Bill to be scrapped

committee said. - [Read more](#)

A reminder that all submissions have been helpfully collated by Network Waitangi Whangarei and can be viewed [here](#)



Tuia programme building future leaders

A programme aimed at developing young Māori leaders and deepening their knowledge of local government has been “life-changing” for one young Christchurch woman. [Find out more](#)

Transforming neoliberalism

Prof Jane Kelsey examines what the ACT party and the NZ Initiative think-tank are up to as they seek to impose on the country their hardline, right wing, neoliberal ideology. A progressive government elected in 2026 would have a huge job putting Humpty Dumpty together again and rebuilding a state that serves New Zealanders rather than corporate interests. - [Watch here](#)

While the Treaty Principles Bill was defeated on Thursday, ACT leader David Seymour indicated it would not be the end. National and New Zealand First voted against the bill, as they indicated they would. Labour, Greens, and Te Pāti Māori also voted against the bill. The only party to vote in favour of the bill was ACT. Read and watch all the debate and speeches [here](#)

Treaty Principles Bill defeated - 10 April 2025



Liam Rātana digs into a report which found the **Māori economy is more diverse and wealthier than ever**.

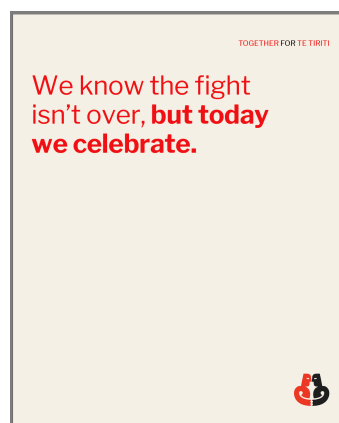
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sorry that it gained so much from its breaches of te Tiriti/the Treaty at an immense cost to Ngāti Hāua and left many of you feeling marginalised in your own rohe, like second-class citizens.” — The Crown’s apology to Ngāti Hāua. - [Read more](#)

New report reveals public organisations are falling short on treaty settlements

A new report from the auditor general reveals serious failings in how public agencies are honouring treaty settlement commitments and outlines what needs to change. writes Liam Rātana - [Read more](#)

*"There are a number of challenges ahead. One is the Regulatory Standards Bill which has similar goals to the Treaty Principles Bill **but is being pushed through under the radar**. Another is the **fight to keep Māori wards on local councils** - where referendums are also being used as a weapon to undermine Te Tiriti o Waitangi. **We will need to join in kotahitanga again soon, and channel our people power towards holding the line on Te Tiriti.**" (ActionStation team)*



To lecture us on Te Tiriti, you must first be able to read it by Dame Anne Salmond - What does it say about our country that politicians and ex-politicians are instructing New Zealanders on a document on which they are literally illiterate [Read More](#)

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“When we position Shakespeare as essential, but treat Māori literature and oracy as enrichment, we reinforce colonial hierarchies.” — Tania Roxborough. - [Read more](#)

Befriending our wild disagreements

“It’s easy, in these violent days of oligarchs and kleptocrats, algorithms and shadow lobbyists, to think that tending to ourselves and each other with radical love is somehow too soft.” — Sarah Hopkinson “I don’t know what’s going to happen next, but maybe it’s this very uncertainty that can liberate us. I am trying to listen to the wild thoughts within me, that are in you too.” [Read more](#)

Model minorities

“Our collective future in this country depends on our willingness to show up — not as obedient subjects of the Crown, but as those who refuse to participate in the settler colonial project of disenfranchising Māori on their own whenua.” — Ara Ala-Simmons.

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Ideology is pushing Māori knowledge out of the curriculum

“Elizabeth Rata often equates the inclusion of iwi, hapū and whānau knowledge and values into teaching with an emptying out of academic knowledge. She has been instrumental in shaping the new English curriculum.” — Jessie Moss - [Read more](#)

Nothing says ‘home’ like Te Matatini

“I felt so proud to be Māori, and grateful, too. I was home on our whenua, and my whānau cup was full

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on her first Matatini after four years abroad. - [Read more](#)



Social Cohesion

Economist Shamubeel Eaqub discusses the survey on social cohesion of New Zealand and Australia. *"When it comes to the relationship with our indigenous population it is a difficult conversation that we must have."* *"Social cohesion is not about being the same. we are not about assimilation. Social cohesion is being able to have difficult conversations and still have a beer afterwards."* - [watch here](#) and read more [here](#)



[Tiriti honoured.](#)
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[People thriving.](#)
Power shared

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Removing Māori rights is a war on nature

The government's focus on ripping Te Tiriti obligations from law and policy clears the way for a follow-up attack on our natural world - write Kayla Kigdon-Bebb and Carwyn Jones. - [Read more](#)

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knowledge system.

The Hautū Waka framework, developed by Roimata Taniwha-Paoa and Ayla Hoeta, with guidance from Matua Rereata Makiha, is a valuable tool for navigating complex systems like the public sector. - [Read more](#)



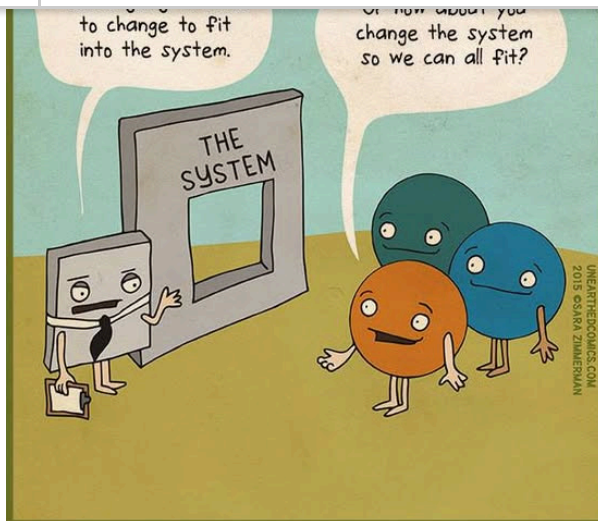
Fairness for whom?

“This isn’t policy-making — it’s political theatre, aping the aggressive strategy of a certain foreign leader to mask an ideological obsession with removing Indigenous and Te Tiriti-based rights in our country.” — Joshua Koko on Winston Peters’ Trumpish war on “woke DEI”. - [Read more](#)

Around the world, we’re tangata Tiriti

“In London, I’m constantly searching for signs of Aotearoa and Te Tiriti in museums, public squares, and wall texts. But in the museums I’ve visited so far, there are no references to Te Tiriti or Aotearoa at all.” — Charlotte Doyle - [Read more](#)



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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
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