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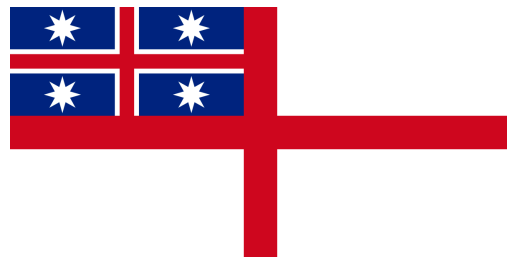
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Towards He Whakaputanga

“What is clear from He Whakaputanga is that there was never a ceding of any kind of sovereignty to Britain. Not then, nor five years later, when Te Tiriti was signed at Waitangi.” — Catherine Delahunty - [Read more](#)



Wikipedia

Lest We Forget: Remembering Parihaka today

Parihaka provides a damning indictment of a government so freed of constitutional constraints as to be able to ignore with impunity the rule of law, make war on its own people, and turn its back on the principles on which the government of the country had been agreed.

domination of Maori, which had begun with the war made on them and been furthered by altering the tenure of their land, was still incomplete." - * 'The Taranaki Report: Muru me te Rauapatu / The Muru and Raupatu of the Taranaki Land and People' (WAI 143), Waitangi Tribunal 1996, Chapter 8: Parihaka, [Read more](#)

He waiata tēnei mō Parihaka

Rahui Papa: What needs to change in schools isn't the law

"The proposal effectively deprioritises Te Tiriti so that it sits as a supporting objective. We believe, and have advised, that this will not have the desired effect." — Rahui Papa - [Read more](#)



E-Tangata

Historic collaboration between iwi leaders and unions

On **October 28** unity was on display at **Rā Whakamana**, a historic collaboration between iwi leaders and unions to mark the **anniversaries of the signing of He Whakaputanga (Declaration of Independence) and Labour Day**. The movements for tino rangatiratanga and workers rights have always been entwined, but the current pressures we face make it all the more important for us to stand and declare loudly that these links are unbreakable. Our togetherness isn't just about feeling nice, **it's a powerful and proven strategy in Te Tiriti justice and worker progress**. Read more [here](#) and watch [here](#)



Kia Kai-Kōrero Tātou: Pursuing honourable kāwanatanga: a tangata whenua and tangata Tiriti perspective

As 2025 draws to a close, Kia Kai-Kōrero Tātou is honoured to welcome Dr. Heather Came and Grant Berghan to help us round out the political year with depth, reflection, and hope. Together, they will explore what honourable kāwanatanga can look like — through both tangata whenua and tangata Tiriti perspectives — and how we might move forward in ways that

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The National Iwi Chairs Forum, supported by a coalition of national education organisations, including PPTA Te Wehengarua, has launched a petition against the Government's removal of the requirement for school boards to give effect to Te Tiriti o Waitangi by repealing section 127(2)(e) of the Education and Training Act 2020.

The petition aims to send a clear message to the Government: Removing Te Tiriti from education law undermines the Government's responsibility to ensure every learner, Māori and non-Māori, thrives in an education system that honours the Māori-Crown relationship.

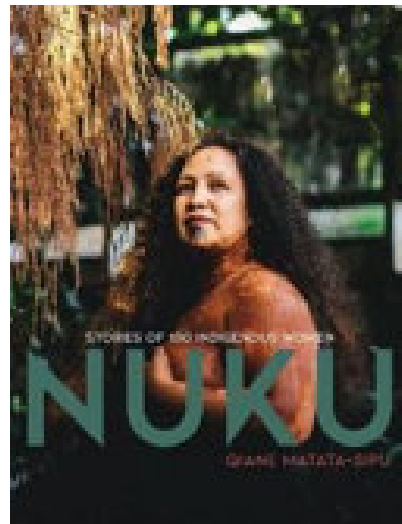
The petition is available to be signed until Tuesday 25 November. Please spread the word as widely as you can.

[Sign the petition](#)

[Iwi Chairs Forum media statement](#)

**NUKU : stories of 100
indigenous women / text and
photography by
Qiane Matata-Sipu**

Through telling their stories, the women in this book seek to influence the world around them. The youngest is 14 and the eldest is in her mid-70s. They are wāhine Māori, Moriori, Pasifika, Melanesian, Wijadjuri, Himalayan and Mexican. Read more [here](#) and library [here](#)



Our Legacy of Peace

“As November 5, the anniversary of the invasion of Parihaka, reminds us, non-violent peaceful protest is rooted deep within this nation’s whakapapa.” — Alistair Reese.-

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Tongariro National Park fire: Sacred pou whenua still standing amid charred earth

A sacred pou whenua, installed to honour Tongariro and the hallowed mountains, has emerged from the flames of the wildfire ripping through the area with only some charring

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Why the system will never truly serve us

“The system was designed by individuals who believed in a specific version of New Zealand — where everyone was theoretically equal, yet the structures of equality were calibrated for only one culture.” — Mark Feary. - [Read more](#)

UPCOMING NWŌ 2-DAY OPPORTUNITY

UNDERSTANDING THE TREATY IN 2025

Network Waitangi Ōtautahi

27 and 29 January 2026

9.30am - 4.30pm

\$70

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Human rights complaint filed to United Nations over treatment of Māori

Open Letter to the Crown - [read more](#)



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A crash course in the many changes shaking up education in Aotearoa

Struggling to get your head around the recent barrage of education-related headlines? Here's a rundown.

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'Expression of kotahitanga': More than 1000 schools reaffirm commitment to Te Tiriti o Waitangi

More than 1000 schools have now publicly reaffirmed they will continue giving effect to Te Tiriti o Waitangi, despite the government **removing school boards' Treaty requirement** from the Education and Training Act. - [Read more](#)

Why a Māori collective is arguing for the protection of New Zealand's water

It is about recognising Māori authority where there are ancestral ties and responsibilities, says chair Kingi Smiler. - [Read more](#)

Once Were Gardeners is a must-watch for anyone wanting to grow

The new Whakaata Māori show is a mix of practical tips, heartfelt kōrero and mātauranga Māori. - [Read more](#)



The Spinoff

council permission required. Could this be the future of iwi-led housing in Aotearoa?

".....what it would take to replicate it in New Zealand. Is this the new model of mana motuhake? Could honouring te Tiriti o Waitangi be the key to solving the housing crisis?"

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Brand new **Together for Te Tiriti merch!** from Action Station:

A doctor on the Oranga Tamariki scandal

A Wellington GP speaks out on Melanie Reid's investigation into Oranga Tamariki's uplifting of Māori babies.- [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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