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**Carwyn Jones on a decade of  
Matike Mai Aotearoa:  
How far have we come?**

It's been 10 years since an independent report outlined a path for constitutional transformation. Here's a look back at what's happened since.

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**[Ngāi Tahu warns conservation reforms undermine Treaty settlements, Minister defends it](#)**

The Government's proposed overhaul of conservation law is drawing fierce criticism

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over rights they believed were already settled. - [Read more](#)

### Analysis: Government set to reduce Treaty in legislation to lowest possible standard - what it means

Government quietly moves to weaken Treaty obligations across 23 laws but Justice Minister says consultation is underway before they will be introduced. - [Read more](#)

### Te Arikinui Kuini Nga wai hono i te po meets King Charles

In a statement, the Kiingitanga said Te Arikinui is focused on building strong relationships between peoples as Aotearoa New Zealand approaches the 200-year anniversary of the signing of Te Tiriti o Waitangi in 2040. - [Read more](#)



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### Treaty of Waitangi clause review:

Government quietly agrees to amend, repeal provisions in laws - [Read more](#)

Treaty clauses to be weakened, repealed – despite officials warning of ‘significant risks’ - [Read more](#)

### Racism has no place in kapa haka or Aotearoa



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Te Matatini Enterprises)  
The Spinoff

Using kapa haka as **a vehicle for protest or political messaging** is not new. Parmar’s views on issues like **Māori spaces at universities** and the performance of a **haka in parliament** are inflammatory. But that doesn’t give anyone a right to attack her culture or ethnicity. - Liam Rātana  
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## The government's latest attack on Te Tiriti

"Once again, as has been the case throughout this parliamentary term, the government is ignoring the recommendations of experts, in favour of further trampling on Te Tiriti o Waitangi." — Luke Fitzmaurice-Brown. - [Read more](#)

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## National online survey of Tiriti-based organisational journeys

*"The Honourable Kāwanatanga Project is a multi-year research initiative, supported by the Royal Society Te Apārangi Marsden Fund, that explores how kāwanatanga - authority to govern - can be exercised in ways that are truly ethical, relational, and consistent ....."* [\[read more\]](#)

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## The rise of Asians backing tino rangatiratanga

A decade after a single Waitangi banner, Asians Supporting Tino Rangatiratanga has become a national movement – and a challenge to how te Tiriti is framed in Aotearoa. - [Read more](#)



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## 'Major breach': Tribunal says education Treaty overhaul 'may be worse' than Treaty Principles Bill

The Waitangi Tribunal says the Government breached Te Tiriti principles by pursuing education law changes without meaningful Māori consultation, urging ministers to immediately halt the reforms - [Read more here](#)

**Waitangi Tribunal urges halt on Treaty clause changes - [Read more.](#)**

**Educators call on crown to pause contentious changes to Waitangi Treaty obligations - [Read more](#)**

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Image source: Te Papa

“Te Pahi’s name had been defamed and tarnished by Pākehā histories for more than a century, the falsehoods and lies carried by newspapers and books for generations.” — Eugene Bingham, author of ‘The Chief and the Empire’. - [Read more](#)

## Social Cohesion in New Zealand 2026

The Helen Clark Foundation yesterday released [its latest Social Cohesion in New Zealand report](#). Its central finding is unambiguous: financial stress is the single dominant driver of low social cohesion in this country.- [Read more](#)

## “My heart crumbled,” Māori–Indian academic calls out racism after haka backlash

Debate over artistic expression collides with accusations of harm to mixed-heritage communities.

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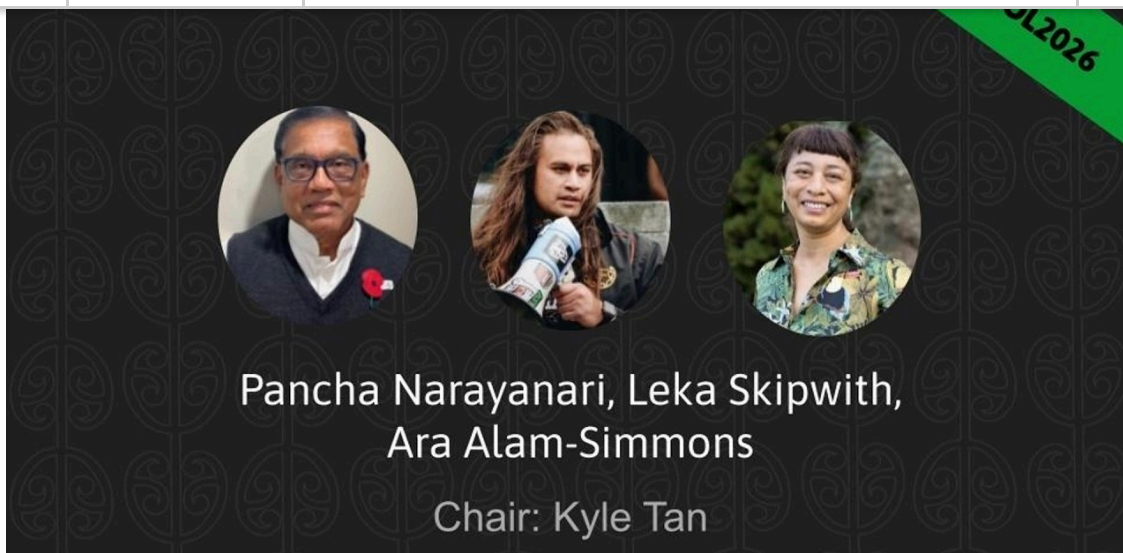


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## Māori women tell Waitangi Tribunal of abuse

The tribunal has been hearing from wāhine in leadership roles this week as part of the [long-running Mana Wahine inquiry](#) - which is examining the alleged denial of the inherent mana of Māori women and the systemic discrimination, deprivation, and inequities experienced as a result.

Kukutai said there was an urgent need for Māori data sovereignty and advocated for the implementation of the Māori Data Governance Model which would see Māori data, including data about wāhine, in Māori hands. - [Read more](#)

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### Te Tiriti-based Futures conference

Some videos are now available of the **Te Tiriti-Based futures** conference held 21-26 March. Here is one of the videos which can be viewed on their [YouTube channel](#)

### Risk if the **Data and Statistics (Census) Amendment Bill** and the **Electoral (District Boundaries) Amendment Bill** become law **What happens now the census is gone?**

Action Station brought together a handful experts to compile a list of tactics into a book, titled

**“The Far-Right Playbook”.**

This enables the recognition of the tactics being used between now and election day.



### Inaugural Professorial Lecture from Professor Anaru Eketone 28 May 2026

Hear University of Otago Professor Anaru Eketone talk about resistance. Professor Eketone is from the Ngāti Maniapoto and Waikato Iwi and is a Professor in Social Work at the University of Otago.- [Read more](#)

“If ever there was a time for Māori to stand up and exercise their democratic rights, it’s now. This year’s election will

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Waylyn Tahuri-Whaipakanga

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## Election 2026 Survival Guide: Voting for Te Tiriti

“Without a plan for constitutional protection of Te Tiriti, we risk any progress being laid to waste again within a few years. I don’t know about you, but I don’t want to go through this again.” — Tina Ngata on voting to protect Te Tiriti. - [Read more](#)



## Gathering at the Gate

A collective enquiry into ancestral recovery and honouring Te Tiriti o Waitangi or Pākehā | white-assimilated folks in Aotearoa - [Read more](#)

## Labour vows to reinstate school boards Treaty obligations

With the election on the horizon, education spokesperson Ginny Andersen promises a less prescriptive approach to teaching, and to restore free school lunches.- By Hanna McCallum | [Read more](#)

**Ngāi Tahu vs Santana:** the latest chapter in the Bendigo gold mine saga, explained by Liam Rātana - [Read more](#)



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As part of its work to establish a range of collaborative design groups with communities the forum met for the first time in March 2026 and brings together a range of statistical and data expertise, perspectives, and regional insights.

Expressions of interest for the **Pacific, rainbow, and homeless and transient** populations data advisory groups are open until 5pm on Sunday, 31 May 2026. The groups are expected to be operational by August 2026.

**Expressions of interest** has more information about the advisory groups and how to apply. Stats NZ is also working to set up advisory mechanisms for **ethnic and disabled communities** over the coming months. For more information about the forum, including a list of members, see: **Working with communities to design the next census**

Challenging a 50-year-old narrative about Hawaii's native birds, a new study from the University of Hawaii at Mānoa found no scientific evidence that indigenous people hunted waterbird species to extinction.- **Read more**

### Study Debunks Myth of Native Hawaiians Brutishly Causing Bird Extinctions



**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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