SUPPORTING WHĀNAU TO SUCCEED

National is working hard to support whānau and communities. Under National, more Māori students are doing better at school and in tertiary education. We are also providing fees-free places for eligible teens at tertiary institutions and at trades and services academies, so young Māori can gain practical qualifications that will set them up for a range of career options.

Our new Māori and Pasifika Trades Training Initiative is giving young Māori a clear and supported pathway into a trades career. National is providing a mix of options, so no young person is left without a pathway to a career when they reach adulthood.

Our commitment to giving Māori children the best start in life is just as relevant in the health sector as in education. Māori children are being immunised against childhood illnesses at a high rate. Through National’s sensible spending and sound economic management, we are able to expand free GP visits and prescriptions to all children aged 13 and under from 1 July 2015.

We are making significant progress in Treaty settlements. Since National started settling Treaty claims in the 1990s, 67 deeds of settlement have been signed - 46 of these in the past six years. Virtually all iwi willing and able to settle are engaged with the Crown, which is a huge achievement.

National will continue to encourage Māori enterprise through investing in skills, increasing financial literacy and savings, and working with Māori to responsibly realise the economic potential of natural resources.

We will also improve the performance and productivity of Māori land, which has the potential to contribute around $8 billion to the economy and create around 4,000 jobs over the next 10 years. We will do this by completing essential reforms to Te Ture Whenua Māori Act.
NATIONAL IS...

**SUPPORTING MĀORI ENTERPRISE**

- Delivering $21.5 million in innovation and science funding in Budget 2014 to raise the productivity of Māori land, increase export growth and improve market positioning.
- Delivered the Māori Commercial Aquaculture Settlement and supported the growth of the aquaculture industry.
- Invested more than $35 million over the past five years in Māori land development initiatives.
- Reviewed the role of the Māori Land Court, with a focus on development opportunities for Māori landowners.

**PROGRESSING SETTLEMENT OF HISTORIC GRIEVANCES**

- Engaging with virtually all iwi willing and able to settle.
- Settling claims four times faster than the previous Labour government.

**BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS WITH IWI**

- Set annual priorities with Iwi Chairs in various policy areas, including freshwater objectives and Māori educational achievement.

**HELPING VULNERABLE WHĀNAU**

- Providing free doctors visits to all children under 13.
- Over 250,000 homes are warmer, drier and healthier due to our *Warm Up New Zealand: Heat Smart* programme and other government grant schemes.
- Invested around $140 million in Whānau Ora to support whanau and families to take control and responsibility for their own lives.
- Created three Whānau Ora commissioning agencies to deliver services to whānau—Te Pou Matakan, Te Pūtahitanga o Te Wai Pounamu and Pasifika Futures.
- Investing $67 million to fight rheumatic fever.
- Maintaining universal subsidies for GP visits.
- Investing $20 million in the Māori Health Innovation Fund.

**IMPROVING SOCIAL HOUSING**

- Increasing the number of houses built on ancestral Māori land through Kainga Whenua infrastructure grants.
- Developed a Māori Housing Strategy and establishing a Māori Housing Unit to look after housing needs for Māori.
LIFTING MĀORI EDUCATIONAL OUTCOMES

- Expanded 20 hours early childhood education to five-year-olds, and extended it to kōhanga reo and play centres.
- Committed $92 million to early childhood education participation projects with community support, to make available an additional 3,500 places for Māori, Pacific and low-income families.
- Providing an extra 150 places for initial teacher education in early childhood and Māori-medium schools.
- Delivering National Standards in schools to ensure every child learns the basics in literacy and numeracy.
- Introduced Ngā Whanaketanga Rumaki Māori, Māori-medium National Standards, to improve literacy and numeracy and raise achievement among students in Māori language immersion classes.
- Investing an extra $2.4 million to expand the “Reading Together” family-based literacy programme to more than 140 decile four and five schools, as well as all decile one, two and three schools.
- Investing more than $31 million to accelerate Māori secondary school student achievement, under the new Building on Success programme, which extends the progress made through current Māori achievement programmes such as Te Kotahitanga, He Kākano and Starpath.
- Working with iwi and iwi-based organisations to design and implement education solutions through a network of 62 Iwi Education Partnerships to raise Māori student achievement.
- Supporting greater participation by Māori in the education, health and disability workforce through 30 new teacher scholarships and Hauora Māori scholarships.
- Invested in 3,000 more fees-free places in Māori and Pasifika Trades training.
- Expanded our Youth Guarantee scheme to 18- and 19-year-olds, giving more young adults the opportunity to achieve NCEA Levels 1 and 2.

SUPPORTING MĀORI CULTURE AND LANGUAGE

- Funding Te Matatini, the National Māori Performing Arts Committee.
- Supporting Māori broadcasting, including Māori TV, the Iwi Radio Network, and Te Māngai Pāho.
- Reformed the Waitangi National Trust Board and granted $5.75 million towards the development of a new museum and education centre at the Treaty Grounds.
- Overseen the creation of Te Matawai, a new governance body for te reo Māori.
OUR RESULTS SO FAR

SETTLING HISTORICAL GRIEVANCES

- Completed 46 full and final Treaty of Waitangi settlements in just six years.

ROLLING OUT WHĀNAU ORA

- By the end of 2013, close to 2,000 families involved in Whānau Ora had whānau plans. There were nearly 700 involved whānau in Auckland alone. Another 550 were in Whangarei and the Far North, and nearly 300 in the Bay of Plenty region.

HEALTHIER WHĀNAU

- Raised the number of Māori children who are fully immunised to 87 per cent by March 2014.
- By the end of 2014, over 200,000 children will be able to get their sore throats checked and be provided with free medication, as part of our efforts to combat rheumatic fever.

MORE OPPORTUNITIES

- The number of Māori 18-year-olds achieving NCEA Level 2 rose from 44 per cent in 2008 to 63 per cent in 2013.
- The Māori achievement rate for NCEA Level 2 or equivalent is improving at a faster rate than the overall rate.
- The number of Māori students studying at a university rose by 10 per cent between 2008 and 2013.
OUR NEXT STEPS...

1. COMPLETE REFORM OF TE TURE WHENUA MĀORI (MĀORI LAND)

→ Improve the performance and productivity of Māori land.

Māori land has the potential to contribute around $8 billion to the economy and create around 4,000 jobs over the next 10 years.

National will complete reform of Te Ture Whenua Māori Act 1993, ensuring Māori land can be governed effectively and profitably for all its owners.

We will work with Māori to update Te Ture Whenua Māori Act to help unlock the potential of the 80 per cent of the 1.5 million hectares of Māori-owned land not being fully utilised.

Eleven per cent of the North Island is governed by the legislation.

2. CONTINUE TO HELP MĀORI GET AHEAD

→ Improve educational achievement.

National will invest a further $155.7 million over four years in early childhood education to help give all children a great start in life and target areas where participation is low.

We will continue to work towards our Better Public Services target of 98 per cent of all children starting school having participated in early childhood education by 2016.

We will invest $359 million in new teaching roles to lift student achievement and continue to aim for 85 per cent of all 18-year-olds having achieved NCEA Level 2 or an equivalent qualification by 2017.

We will implement Ka Hikitia - Accelerating Success 2013-17 to work with whānau on improving the way we respond to the educational needs of young Māori.

National will also continue to lift the proportion of 25- to 34-year-olds with a Level 4 or higher qualification and the number of Māori students attending university.

We will invest $30 million over four years to increase the number of Māori and Pasifika Trades Training places from 3000 to 5000 and expand the scheme to include agricultural trades. This will bring our total investment in the programme to $73 million.

We will assist Māori to leverage the benefits from new technology, and promote Māori language, culture, innovation and enterprise through the $30 million Māori ICT Fund. This will stimulate Māori participation across the ICT sector, as employees, entrepreneurs, managers, governors, owners and investors.

National will support Māori engagement with the roll-out of rural broadband, particularly to rural marae and schools.
3. STRENGTHEN CROWN AND IWI RELATIONSHIPS

→ National will continue to support constructive engagement between the Crown and iwi.

National recognises government is there to help local communities develop their own solutions. We will continue to support communities and regions by assisting with co-ordination between iwi, local councils and government agencies and departments.

National will support the work of Te Matawhi as an independent statutory entity to oversee the development of the Māori Language Strategy.

National will continue to work with Iwi Leaders to complete Freshwater and RMA reforms.

National will ensure Māori institutions are fit-for-purpose in the 21st Century and as we move forward into a post-settlement environment.

4. GET MORE PEOPLE INTO THEIR FIRST HOME

→ Provide extra help to tens of thousands more people looking to buy their first home.

National will introduce KiwiSaver Homestart, overhauling the KiwiSaver deposit subsidy scheme.

We will increase the deposit grants for those wanting to purchase a newly built first home, and raise the house price threshold across the country.

The changes include bigger grants for those wanting to buy a newly built first home.

People will also be able to withdraw their KiwiSaver member tax credit to put towards their deposit.

The policy changes are predicted to help around 90,000 first home buyers over the next five years, 40,000 more than would be helped under current policy.

90,000 FIRST-HOME BUYERS WILL BENEFIT OVER FIVE YEARS
5. SUPPORT MĀORI FAMILIES

→ Provide free GP visits and prescriptions for children under 13.

National brought in the policy of free GP visits for children under six, including free after-hours visits.

From July 2015, National will extend free doctors visits and prescriptions for children aged under six to all children under 13, helping up to 90,000 more Māori children.

We will continue to combat rheumatic fever through a $67 million intervention programme, and improving housing.

→ Building on the success of Whanau Ora

National recognises the important role Whānau Ora plays in bringing together health and social services, and empowering the whānau as a whole rather than focusing separately on individual family members and their problems.

To support this work National is investing $180 million in Whānau Ora this year, and over the next three years, to enhance wrap-around, whānau-led services.

These will help to further increase the number of whānau achieving greater independence and improved health, education and employment options.

We will also establish a Whānau Ora Partnership Group to monitor achievement of agreed outcomes, targets and priorities, and identify policies, resources and initiatives that support and enable Whānau Ora to be successful.

DON’T PUT IT ALL AT RISK

Labour would:

✘ De-prioritise Treaty settlements. Under the previous Labour government only 16 deeds of settlement were signed over nine years, despite a commitment to do better for iwi. Under Labour, settlements would not have been completed until 2060, if at all.

✘ Fail to reform Te Ture Whenua Act and improve utilisation of Māori land.

✘ Drive New Zealand’s economy downwards through high taxation, low growth and anti-job policies.

✘ Waste public money on backroom bureaucracy.

✘ Roll back the welfare reforms, which have seen 15,000 fewer people on benefits in the last year.