

## Equality at Law and before Government for All New Zealanders

### The Position of Minister of Crown-Maori Relations

The creation of this position is uncalled for and racist. To suggest that the people of Maori descent (such as those currently in Parliament, in the media, in entertainment, or wherever) need a Minister to represent them in their dealings with government is ludicrous, discriminatory and corruptible.

I object to the Crown seeking to create and formalise any sort of “relationship” with anyone of Maori descent over and above any other people in our society. To do so would be to entrench a system of apartheid – something which is totally unsupported by New Zealanders – as evidenced by the voting in the publicly called for referenda on Councils wanting to create Maori-only wards in Kaikoura, Palmerston North, Western Bay of Plenty, Whakatane and Manawatu.

In our democracy, no matter what ethnic mix we might have, we are all New Zealanders and are entitled to be treated with respect and with equality by our government. Underlining that requirement is that our governing representatives must be subject to being elected and accountable to the public. Any form of governance that involves self-appointed, unelected and unaccountable power is dictatorial and a total abuse of the people and our taxes.

I also object to this consultation process in that it is blatantly discriminatory against anyone who was not of Maori descent or associated with select marae. Even Maori who disagree with the current indoctrination of Maori elite/supremacy philosophy would be polite, or subservient, and definitely very reluctant to speak up at hui, even on their own marae.

### The Treaty

I disagree with the revisionist’s view of the Treaty as forming any sort of partnership. Indeed, Article 3 of Te Tiriti o Waitangi in 1840 clearly states:

***In return for the cession of Sovereignty to the Queen, the people of New Zealand shall be protected by the Queen of England and the rights and privileges of British subjects will be granted to them.***

This confers the very same duties of justice and good faith to all New Zealanders, irrespective of their ethnicity. There is also absolutely no mention of any group called “maori” in Te Tiriti o Waitangi as the earlier settlers were very much tribal and not of one cohesive group.

I object to any form of governance over the people or public resources given to anyone on the basis of any part of their ancestry. This is both archaic and corrupt.

I also disagree with the need to continue to negotiate constant “settlements” (at the public’s cost) for any new and innovative race-based claim that is created. While there are definite benefits in this process for a select few, there is nothing but downside for the future of our country and all its peoples. Again, this process is corrupt in my view.

### The Future

It is time to look to the future and create a country that we can all be happy and proud to be part of. One where we celebrate all different cultures, but don’t use them to discriminate for or against different groups. One where our public resources, parks, lakes, rivers, beaches and seas are managed in the best interests of all New Zealanders and are equally available to anyone to enjoy or to earn a living from. One where taxpayer and public funds are used in the best interests of all the people, not for the benefit of any sort of selfish elite (of any ethnicity).

**Legalised racial/religious/ideological/ancestral-based discrimination is simply wrong and can only harm our country and its people. It is time to stop this destructive process.**