



# Honour Hobson's Pledge

**"He iwi tahi tatou: We are now one people."**

**Our vision for New Zealand is a society in which all citizens have the same rights, irrespective of when we or our ancestors arrived in this land.**

**We believe that:**

- All New Zealanders should have the same rights, irrespective of when we or our ancestors arrived in New Zealand.
- The Treaty of Waitangi is not in any meaningful sense New Zealand's constitution.
- The Treaty did, however, establish three important points, namely that:
  - in signing the treaty, chiefs ceded sovereignty to the Crown;
  - that in turn the Crown would protect the property rights of all New Zealanders;
  - and that "tangata maori" would enjoy the rights and privileges of British subjects.
  
- The Treaty of Waitangi did not create a "partnership" between Maori and the Crown.
- The Treaty of Waitangi did not establish any "principles" and all references to such "principles" should be removed from legislation.
- There is no longer any need for special Maori representation in government, whether it be Maori electorates in Parliament, Independent Maori Statutory Board in Auckland, or racially based representation in other governance bodies.
- All New Zealanders have an equal interest in the quality of fresh water and in the protection of the environment.
- There is no longer any need for the Waitangi Tribunal.
- Policy measures intended to support those who need special assistance from government should be based on need, and not ethnicity.
- Wherever it can be reasonably established that the Crown unlawfully confiscated property from any individual or group, compensation should be paid, provided however that any such compensation should be "full and final".