

WHĀNAU ORA

Enabling whānau and families to take back control of their own lives

JOBS

Including regional development, expand trade training, apprenticeships

HEALTH

Emphasis on health and addressing poverty

HOUSING

Warrant of fitness

EDUCATION

Free after school care

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Developing potential

ENVIRONMENT

Water is a taonga

TE TIRITI

Protecting and promoting treaty rights. Make te reo Māori compulsorily available

Māori Party Kaupapa Here - Policy Direction for Election 2014

Whānau Ora - creating opportunities for whānau to determine their own pathways

Whānau Ora is an holistic approach that lays the foundations for the kaupapa of the Māori Party. In 2010 we launched the Whānau Ora approach so that whānau and families could be empowered to take back control of their own lives and make decisions for themselves.

Whānau Ora is making a difference in the lives of our whānau and families.

The Whānau Ora approach requires agencies to work together in an holistic way enabling families to make life changing choices and ensuring access to any support and services needed to make those changes.

Our Co-leader, Tariana Turia, was appointed Minister for Whānau Ora and funding was managed through Te Puni Kōkiri. The agency worked with Whānau Ora providers and collectives to establish networks with a range of health and social service organisations and government agencies.

Now three Whānau Ora Commissioning Agencies will manage the distribution of funding to providers and collectives. The Māori Party views Whānau Ora as a key priority for government.

The future

Whānau Ora is about self-determination and independence. It is about our health - our homes and communities - our schools and the prospect of jobs.

The future of our families lies in our own hands - that's Whānau Ora.

Whānau Ora is a holistic approach that enables whānau and families to take back control of their own lives and make decisions for them. Whānau Ora is about self-determination and independence. It is about our health - our homes and communities - our schools and the prospect of jobs.

The Whānau Ora approach requires agencies to work together in an integrated way enabling families to make life-changing choices and ensuring access to any support and services needed to make those changes. We will build whānau capability through the three commissioning agencies - Te Pou Matakana, Pasifika Futures and Te Pūtahitanga o Te Wai Pounamu.

GOING FORWARD

Whānau Ora Approach

The Māori Party will:

- negotiate increased support and investment to ensure Whānau Ora remains a key government priority
- establish the Whānau Ora Partnership Group - bringing together iwi and stakeholder Ministers in a partnership group to provide strategic overview of how best to advance Whānau Ora outcomes
- increase opportunities for Whānau Ora commissioning in a broader range of portfolios across government agencies (e.g. Whānau Ora has previously been supported in health, Māori Affairs, social development. We would like to see the Whānau Ora approach supported more by education, justice, housing and other portfolios).
- formalise ongoing commitment to evaluate, monitor and review development within Whānau Ora by an independent agency.
- invest in the creation of 300 Navigator positions to be available for hapū and iwi, Pasifika church communities and migrant collectives.

Whānau Ora Initiatives

The Māori Party will:

- reconvene the Ministerial Committee on Poverty and review progress on implementation of the recommendations of the Expert Advisory Group on Solutions to Child Poverty in the first 100 days of the new Government including establishing specific poverty reduction targets
- provide ongoing funding of He Pūnanga Haumarua (prevention of bullying) and Te Rā o Waka Hourua (Māori and Pasifika suicide prevention initiatives) and to invest in small scale whānau innovation
- support financial literacy and budgeting capability programmes for whānau, as well as expanding the micro-financing model introduced in Budget 2013.
- apply the investment approach to the Family Tax Credit, to target more support where it matters most – for younger children and larger families.
- resource community groups to proactively address homelessness and the needs of people who are most vulnerable, and
- engage with whānau living in Australia to look at ways in which they can be supported to achieve their aspirations.

BUILDING ON THE GAINS SINCE 2008

As partner in Government, the Māori Party has:

- created a new Ministerial role and appointed Māori Party Co-leader, Tariana Turia, Minister for Whānau Ora. The funding for Whānau Ora was managed through Te Puni Kōkiri. Te Puni Kōkiri worked with Whānau Ora providers and collectives to establish networks with a range of health and social service organisations and government agencies.
- invested another \$30 million in Whānau Ora in Budget 2011 adding to the \$134 million over four years. In addition in Budget 2014 another \$15m was invested in being able to ensure whanau could access Whanau Ora Navigators.
- since its inception in 2010, focused on the Government's investment in Whānau Ora on achieving outcomes for 8916 whānau and families, made up of 41952 individuals, through service and organisational transformation, and whānau integration, innovation and engagement.
- established ten Whānau Ora Regional Leadership Groups around the country to provide strategic leadership
- established three Whānau Ora Commissioning Agencies to manage the distribution of funding to providers and collective - Te Pou Matakana, Pasifika Futures and Te Pūtahitanga o Te Wai Pounamu.
- initiated Te Pūnanga Haumarū in 2012 through a community action fund (\$2.8 million pa) to build community capability to lead social change regional hui and online resources
- in Budget 2012, secured \$8 million over the next four years to support communities to work together and develop their own solutions to suicide, and access informed advice and support to implement local community action plans (Waka Hourua).

REFERENCES

Whānau Ora research, toolkits, resources and researchers as well as whānau success stories are being showcased

www.whanauoraresearch.co.nz

The Māori Party recognises eliminating family violence is a priority for Whānau Ora. We have a separate Family Violence policy which you can view online at www.maoriparty.org/policies/family-violence

Te Pūnanga Haumarū

<http://www.tph.org.nz>

Waka Hourua Māori and Pasifika suicide prevention

<http://www.wakahourua.co.nz/te-rā-o-te-waka-hourua>

Microfinancing and financial literacy

<http://www.beehive.govt.nz/release/microfinance-support-people-low-incomes>

ENVIRONMENT POLICY

Water is a taonga and we must do everything we can to protect its quality and vitality and ensure its availability for all New Zealanders.

He taonga te wai. Me kaha tātau ki te tiaki te mana me te mauri o te wai kia wātea ai ki ngā tāngata katoa o Aotearoa.

GOING FORWARD

Water – Te Mana o Te Wai

The Māori Party established Te Mana o Te Wai - the health and well-being of our water - as a driving policy for freshwater management. The three elements of Te Mana o Te Wai are:

- te hauora o te wai – the health and mauri (quality and vitality) of water
- te hauora o taiao – the health and mauri of the environment and
- te hauora o te tangata - the health and mauri of the people.

The Māori Party will:

- ensure that Te Mana o Te Wai remains as the overarching objective for freshwater management
- introduce legislation that gives the status of taonga to freshwater including safer targets for water where food is gathered and where we swim
- ensure that communities are able to restore their local freshwater bodies through initiatives such as planting riparian buffers to protect waterways and establishing wetlands through the Te Mana o Te Wai Fund
- prioritise action to counter the effects of pollution caused by nitrogen and phosphorus that are leaching into our waterways
- support funding for the capturing of rainfall and better clean water storage systems, and
- continue to lobby Government to ensure that the Resource Management Act protects te mana o te wai.

Kaitiakitanga – Reviving the role of kaitiaki for whānau, hapū and iwi

As Māori we have a role as kaitiaki of our natural resources based on the spiritual and cultural relationship we have always had with the environment. Māori therefore have a crucial role in the management of these resources including our rivers, mountains and national parks. It is our responsibility and right to protect, restore and enhance the environment.

The Māori Party will:

- redirect resources in the Department of Conservation to restore the role of kaitiaki for whānau, hapū and iwi
- continue to support iwi to demonstrate their role as kaitiaki in their tribal regions
- promote robust consultation with mana whenua for all oil and mineral exploration permits
- introduce tax breaks for renewable energy research institutions and businesses
- enhance biodiversity within the marine area and prevent the extinction of the Māui dolphin and other marine species

ENVIRONMENT POLICY (CONT.)

GOING FORWARD (CONT.)

- promote transition from net setting and trawling to more selective sustainable fishing methods
- retain the management of recreational fishing outside the Quota Management System.

Climate Change Solutions

The Māori Party recognises the urgency in establishing alternative sources of energy that are environmentally friendly and do not depend on fossil fuels.

The Māori Party will:

- promote innovative ways to support the development of alternate fuel from raw materials
- develop a trial with the Māori Centre of Research Excellence and the Government to test viability of a locally focused alternative fuels project
- develop grants to fund Generation Zero mentors to support whānau to develop alternative energy sources
- champion solar panels for government agencies, hospitals and schools.
- subsidize solar heating and expansion of energy hubs for rural communities
- establish whānau friendly cities encouraging young people to have a voice in the design and planning of their cities starting with green spaces in urban centres
- create more kura taiao and enviro-schools
- support a proposal that will see the planting of 100,000 hectares of new forests over the next 10 years

WHAT WE HAVE ACHIEVED SO FAR

As a partner Government, the Māori Party has:

- secured \$5 million over two years for Te Mana o Te Wai for restoration of waterways in Budget 2014
- restored funding to the value of \$12.45 million over three years starting 2015 for the Māori Centre of Research Excellence in Budget 2014 to cover a wide range of research projects
- secured \$5 million over the next two years for Māori Science and Innovation to develop the potential of Māori people, resources and knowledge in Budget 2014.
- supported the development of kura taiao – enviroschools programmes including the Te Aho Tū Roa network which now includes 960 schools, kura and early childhood centres with a combined roll of 250,000 students.
- supported iwi to have their role of kaitiaki acknowledged and formalised in their Treaty settlements.

EDUCATION POLICY

Education should be driven by whānau aspirations so that learning is meaningful, relevant and creates a foundation for self-determination, entrepreneurial skills and opportunities for a positive future.

GOING FORWARD

EARLY CHILDHOOD

- increase access to kōhanga reo and universal early childhood education by increasing free 20 hours to 30 hours

COMPULSORY SCHOOLING

- provide free after-school care for children at primary school level up to 10 hours per week
- establish ten experiential learning pilots in Māori medium and general education schools, to grow entrepreneurial skills
- maintain ongoing investment in Computers in Homes, Reading Together, iPads in Schools, Tataiako (Cultural Competency)
- ensure Māori histories will be a compulsory component of the curriculum, designed and delivered jointly with mana whenua.
- introduce civics education as a compulsory area of learning, including the importance of Te Tiriti o Waitangi.
- we will promote the concept of self-managing schools which focus on whānau achievement and success
- invest in opportunities to migrate Māori educational content into the digital environment (te reo versions of digital publications and books re-versioned in a Māori framework)
- integrate Kickstart Breakfasts fully into the school system, and introduce Food for Thought in all decile 1-4 schools.
- ensure Mātauranga Māori to be one of the National Science Challenge priorities
- implement 'first language first' policy in literacy instruction and learning for Pasefika students; a bilingualism – biliteracy position where skills and knowledge can later be transferred to English.
- provide further support for the implementation of Te Aho Matua in Kura Kaupapa Māori

ADULT AND COMMUNITY EDUCATION

- increase adult literacy programmes to include community-based whānau literacy programmes which address the literacy needs of adult caregivers while providing them opportunity to support child learning

EDUCATION POLICY (CONT.)

GOING FORWARD (CONT.)

- create learning hubs that target whānau engagement in learning and stimulate whānau members' curiosity and knowledge acquisition.
- establish ten more High Tech Youth Networks (formerly known as Computer Clubhouse) as a vehicle for whānau to create technological capability
- help whānau to create their own teaching and learning models
- increase the wānanga cap from three to five, and support them with standalone legislation which requires mana whenua and Māori stakeholders to be part of the review and monitoring processes..

BUILDING ON THE GAINS SINCE 2008

As partner in Government, the Māori Party has:

- negotiated 20 hours free early childhood education to all kōhanga reo from 1 July 2010
- reinstated funding for Enviroschools and Te Aho Turoa (the Maori-immersion approach) in 2012
- launched a new education initiative to support and strengthen the teaching of Māori history in Years 1-13 in schools and kura, Te Takanga o te Wā.
- expanded the Reading Together Programme, a research-based programme that helps parents to support their children's reading at home which is now available in all decile one to four schools (Budget 2014 announced an extra \$2.4 million of operating funding over the next four years).
- announced the establishment of a new Year 1-13 designated character school for Christchurch, Te Pā o Rākaihautū, which will have a designated character that offers a place-based curriculum for the 21st century founded on tikanga and te reo Māori.
- announced 265 Teach NZ scholarships for trainees for Māori-medium education and secondary te reo Māori. This package of scholarships, worth \$4.7 million over four years, helps to strengthen Māori-immersion education and supports the Māori language strategy.
- announced 30 new scholarships to attract highly talented Māori and Pasifika candidates into teacher education from 2014 and \$12 million of operating funding over four years to fund a programme to support new teachers in Māori immersion education
- announced Puawaitanga scholarships to provide financial assistance to cover all boarding and school fees of an individual student for their chosen school
- launched the Te Aho Matua curriculum for Kura Kaupapa Māori
- secured funding of \$1.5 million to archive precious Māori language broadcasting content in line with best industry practice
- increased the operational funding for iwi stations nationwide by \$13.5 million over the next four years
- secured \$30 million funding for Māori ICT Development Fund to support Māori economic development and te reo Māori and culture.

TERTIARY EDUCATION POLICY

Tertiary education should be accessible to all whānau. It should provide opportunities for students to acquire skills and knowledge that can be used to their economic, social and cultural advantage. The tertiary sector in Aotearoa should be learner-centred and whānau-driven.

Me whai huarahi ngā whānau katoa ki te mātauranga matua. Me tuku huarahi e whiwhi mātauranga ai e whiwhi pūkenga ai ngā tauira katoa hei oranga ā-ohanga, ā-hapori, ā-ahurea hoki. Me noho te tauira ki te manawa o te rāngai mātauranga matua o Aotearoa, me urupare anō hoki ki ngā hiahia me ngā wawata o te whānau.

GOING FORWARD

The Māori Party will:

- develop a four year zero fee scholarship to target the “First in Whānau to engage in a Bachelor level qualification” programme
- amend the Education Act 1989 to reflect a definition of education that promotes and is consistent with the principle of lifelong learning
- lift the cap on the number of students able to take level one to four programmes (foundational and trade training level programmes) in Institutes of Technology and Polytechnics (ITPs)
- ensure ITPs develop key performance indicators to ensure that training provided at ITPs aligns with industry demand
- increase the wānanga cap from three to five, and support them with stand-alone legislation which requires mana whenua and Māori stakeholders to be part of the review and monitoring processes.
- reinstate student allowances for post-graduate students (scrapped in 2012)
- support a universal student allowance
- provide free public transport for students
- retain interest-free loans
- reduce the repayment levels on a student loan starting at 4% (\$40,000), 6% (\$50,000) and 8% (for \$60,000 and over). The current rate is 12% (\$19,080).
- investigate the viability of writing off student loans for students who work in a job equivalent to their qualification for more than five years
- repeal the Education (Freedom of Association) Amendment Act 2011 which undermines the student voice and find a more workable solution
- support strong representation of tertiary students particularly Māori tertiary students at local, regional, national and international levels
- establish a biennial tertiary summit for students, and relevant ministers (Education, Māori Affairs, Science and Innovation) to collaborate on student achievement.

TERTIARY EDUCATION POLICY (CONT.)

BUILDING ON THE GAINS SINCE 2008

As partner of the Government, the Māori Party has:

- secured 3000 Māori and Pasifika trade training placements per annum with zero fees for the next four years (the Māori Party plans to double this number to 6000)
- provided 350 cadetships for unemployed Māori in which employers recruit, train, mentor and provider at least six months' paid employment to Māori cadets.
- secured \$12.45 million to establish a Māori-focused Centre of Research Excellence that will produce research beneficial to whānau, hapū and iwi
- supported the retention of interest-free loans
- advocated on behalf of tertiary students including referring the Education (Freedom of Association) Amendment Bill to the Waitangi Tribunal before it was passed in 2011
- supported strong representation of tertiary students in particular Māori tertiary students at local, regional, national and international levels.

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Education (Freedom of Association) Amendment Act 2011

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Māori and Pasifika Trade Training

<http://www.mbie.govt.nz/what-we-do/business-growth-agenda/skilled-safe-workplaces/maori-pasifika-trades-training-initiative>

Māori Centre for Research Excellence

<http://www.beehive.govt.nz/release/funding-māori-centre-research-excellence>

The Māori Party health policy is focused on creating and enabling wellness. Hauora embraces the physical health, mental health and spiritual health of an individual, their whānau, hapū and iwi.

GOING FORWARD

The Māori Party will build on the gains made by:

- supporting families to grow their own gardens (maara kai) and harvest other natural foods such as kai o te awa (freshwater food) and kaimoana (seafood)
- revisiting the scrapping of GST on healthy foods such as fruit and vegetables.
- investigating introduction of tax of sugar-sweetened beverages
- increasing the number of bariatric (weight reduction) surgeries to at least 1000 per annum to address obesity, heart disease and diabetes
- reviewing the Health Act to ensure implementation of rongoā Māori
- increasing the number of kaupapa Māori Youth and Whānau **services** that address alcohol and drug addiction and mental health
- advocating for free GP visits and free prescriptions for children aged **under 18 years**
- increasing the investment in **rheumatic fever** such as insulating low income homes, ensuring Housing NZ homes have a bach or extra rooms to address over-crowding and reduce power bills by 50 percent for whānau who have rheumatic fever
- initiating a door-knocking campaign to educate aiga on the causes of rheumatic fever and other skin diseases
- prioritising oral health including instigating an annual health check for low income families and advocating for free dental care for all students and community service card holders
- extending the pathways to Smoke-free Aotearoa by 2025 Innovation Fund to fund innovative projects to help reach the Government's goal of being Smoke-free by 2025
- completing the introduction of plain packaging legislation and introduce a promotion campaign to prevent smoking in cars with children
- establish a health workforce project for pay parity to retain Māori nurses in iwi providers and **review** the work conditions, pay and training opportunities for those working in the aged care, disability and home care sector
- investigating a co-management model for Māori statutory representatives on DHBs to increase their influence. New DHB representatives to be appointed by Minister responsible for Māori Health
- supporting the move for all ambulatory services to be managed by nongovernment agencies
- investing in enabling disabled people and their whānau, more choice, control and flexibility over supports and funding in their everyday lives
- **reviewing** the appeal process for ethics committee decisions, established out of the recommendations made from the Cervical Screening Inquiry 2011.

HEALTH POLICY (CONT.)

BUILDING ON THE GAINS SINCE 2008

As a partner in Government, the Māori Party has:

- secured \$90 million 2014 to provide free GP visits and free prescriptions for children aged under 13 years
- secured \$65.3 million for rheumatic fever prevention and treatment since 2010
- secured \$18 million since 2010 to ensure the funding of 300 bariatric (weight reduction) surgeries per year until 2018.
- secured \$10 million to fund Māori sporting and cultural activities, and capacity development and support for sports and cultural bodies in 2014
- Budget called “Moving the Māori Nation”
- secured \$10 million in 2014 to ensure children are enrolled with their free local dental service and that they are supported to develop and maintain good oral hygiene
- responded to the Maori Affairs Select Committee Report, which introduces the goal of a smoke-free Aotearoa/New Zealand by 2025
- supported the passing of the Smoke-free Environment (Controls and Enforcement) Act 2012, meaning tobacco products were banned from being displayed in all shops.
- lobbied for 25.4 percent tobacco tax increase on loose tobacco in May 2010 and a 10 percent increase on factory made cigarettes in 2010, as well as excise rises of 10 percent at the beginning of 2011 and 2012. In October 2012, legislation was passed to bring a series of four annual 10 percent rises in tobacco excise.
- secured \$20m in 2012 to fund innovative projects to help reach the Government’s goal of being Smoke-free by 2025
- secured \$3.1 million to assist New Zealand Customs Service to implement a new rule that will see the number of **permitted cigarettes** allowed in to New Zealand reduced from 200 to 50
- introduced a new model for disability support services in 2010. The new model focused on giving disabled people and their whānau more choice, control and flexibility over support services and funding in their everyday lives.
- launched Faiva Ora - National Pasifika Disability Plan 2014-2016 in October 2010
- launched Whaia Te Ao Marama Māori Disability Action Plan in October 2012
- secured \$20 million over four years in 2009 for the Te Ao Auahatanga Māori Health Innovation Fund
- secured \$6 million over four years for a Pacific Innovation Fund in 2013 to improve the health of Pasifika people by supporting them to develop Pasifika solutions to the issues they face as distinct communities
- secured \$4.5million for Pasifika Health Provider Development aimed at strengthening providers to deliver primary care services to their local population
- launched ‘Ala Mo’ui Pathways to Pacific Health and Wellbeing 2014-2018 in July 2013
- supported the review on National Cervical Screening Programme Parliamentary Report.

ENABLING GOOD LIVES DISABILITY POLICY

We will invest in enabling disabled people and their whānau, more choices, control and flexibility over supports and funding in their everyday lives. Whānau need to know that government supports them to care for their own.

GOING FORWARD

The Māori Party will:

- extend the Enabling Good Lives approach nationwide, with associated investment in Thinking Differently, Individualised Funding and Supported Living
- ensure baseline funding is provided for the Independent Monitors of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disability
- provide targeted funding to the Convention Coalition Monitoring Group
- we will review the work conditions, pay and training opportunities for those working in the aged care, disability and home care sector.
- repeal the sections of the NZ Public Health and Disability Amendment Act which limit the circumstances in which family members can be paid as caregivers
- develop the policy interventions that will ensure agencies and families are able to respond appropriately to abuse and violence directed at disabled persons
- develop a work plan and roll it out nationally to address barriers to accessibility particularly with respect to buildings, transport, education and housing.
- establish an annual Disability Summit to commit to dedicated employment opportunities for disabled persons
- establish sustainable funding to build on the Vocational Services (Very High Needs Scheme) announced in Budget 2014
- promote captioning across media to ensure that disabled people can access information and communications on an equal basis with others
- investigate ongoing investment in an online platform for access to information on disability issues
- commit funding for training of sign language interpreters
- create incentives to invest in marae accessibility.

ENABLING GOOD LIVES

DISABILITY POLICY (CONT.)

BUILDING ON THE GAINS SINCE 2008

As a partner in Government, the Māori Party has:

- established the Ministerial Committee on Disability Issues to improve leadership, coordination and accountability across government (2009)
- in conjunction with Disabled People's Organisations, co-designed a new Disability Action Plan. The Disability Action Plan 2014-2018 provides a framework focused on increasing access, transforming disability support, promoting employment and ensuring personal safety.
- established an Independent Monitoring Mechanism including the Human Rights Commission, the Office of the Ombudsman and the Convention Coalition Monitoring Group of Disabled People's Organisations
- advocated for the first dedicated Human Rights Commissioner responsible for disability issues (2011)
- submitted the first New Zealand report to the UN on implementing the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (2011)
- invested in Budgets 2010 and 2013 in supporting Lifetime Design to make homes accessible
- introduced Video Remote Interpreting to improve access for Deaf people
- agreed to establish the NZ Sign Language Advisory Board
- created the Enabling Good Lives approach to supporting disabled people as a long-term direction for change to the disability support system and announced demonstration pilots in Christchurch and Waikato
- introduced the Think Differently campaign to promote positive attitudes and behaviours towards disabled people, with the Making a Difference Fund
- invested in Be.Accessible to promote accessibility of the physical environment and communication.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT POLICY

“He kai kei aku ringa” tā mātau moemoeā mō the whanaketanga ā-ohanga o te iwi Māori. E hiahia ana mātau kia ngākau hihiko ngā whānau, ngā hapū, ngā iwi me ngā whakahaere Māori ki te kimi huarahi e āta whanake ai ā rātau rauemi (ā-tangata, ā-taiao hoki) mō te wā roa. Mā reira e kaha ake ai te ohanga Māori.

Ki tā mātau titiro, me mana e te Kāwana te whānau me te tohu Māori Inc. ki te whakatipu ohanga.

Our vision for Māori economic development is “He kai kei aku ringa” “Within my hands I have the means to sustain myself”. We want whānau, hapū, iwi and Māori enterprises to actively seek opportunities to sustainably develop their own resources (human and natural) to improve Māori economic performance.

We see whānau and Māori Inc being empowered to create economic growth, enabled by Government.

GOING FORWARD

The Māori Party is committed to implementing the Māori Economic Development Strategy “He Kai Kei Aku Ringa”.

Key goals in the Māori Economic Development Action Plan (2012-2017) are:

- A. greater educational participation and performance
- B. skilled and successful workforce
- C. increased financial literacy and savings
- D. government in partnership with Māori, enables growth
- E. active discussions about the development of natural resources
- F. Māori Inc. as a driver of economic growth.

These goals are strongly connected to the Māori Party’s **employment, education (compulsory), tertiary education, Whānau Ora** and **environment** policies.

Other key policies include:

- providing ongoing funding for research and innovation so Māori businesses can offer higher end products and services
- advocating for a Māori Trade Expert Desk in New Zealand Trade and Enterprise (NZTE) that protects the integrity of the Māori Inc. brand
- ensuring NZTE has Māori representation in all of their national and international offices
- creating a network of champions for the Māori economy to find opportunities to maximise collaboration, scale and commercial development.
- supporting Māori business mentoring programmes
- supporting existing whānau, small and medium Māori enterprises to grow.
- implementing a one-off exemption on Māori land ratings to enable unproductive land to be developed
- expanding financial literacy programmes targeting Māori.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT POLICY (CONT.)

GAINS MADE SINCE 2008

As a partner in Government, the Māori Party has:

- secured \$8 million to a fund to support Māori Innovation and investment readiness
- secured \$30 million for a Māori ICT Fund to support Māori economic development and Māori language and culture in the ICT sector
- secured \$6 million to enable New Zealand Māori Tourism to continue operating
- established a Māori Economic Taskforce
- commissioned BERL to do an independent report on the value of the Māori economy which it estimated to be worth around \$37 billion in 2011
- completed the Māori Economic Development Strategy “He Kai Kei Aku Ringa”
- secured significant Māori participation in the Rugby World Cup 2011
- secured funding for Waka Māori to showcase Māori culture during the Rugby World Cup 2011 and the America’s Cup in San Francisco in 2013
- supported a review of the Te Ture Whenua Māori Act 1983 so Māori land owners can make better use of their land
- secured 20 percent Māori interests in aquaculture fisheries
- secured \$1 million for a Māori-Chinese stage production “Xin and Tāne” to develop cultural and economic relationships between New Zealand and China
- facilitated trade missions for Māori enterprises to China, Malaysia and Chile.

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<http://www.tpk.govt.nz/en/services/business/>

HOUSING POLICY

HE WHARE ĀHURU HE ORANGA TĀNGATA

Whānau, hapū and iwi should be able to acquire warm, safe and dry housing so they can flourish in their community wherever that might be. He Whare āhuru He Oranga Tāngata recognises the economic opportunities in housing by working together in partnership to help address social housing needs.

GOING FORWARD

The Māori Party will:

- make Warrant of Fitness compulsory for all rental properties within three years
- allow whānau to capitalise their family support allowance as a deposit for a home
- establish a Māori Partnership Group in the Ministry of Business Innovation and Employment to advance housing opportunities for Māori as part of He Whare Ahuru He Oranga Tāngata Māori Housing Strategy
- transfer state housing to hapū and iwi
- increase the number of homes to be insulated every year (Warm up NZ Healthy homes has a target of 46,000 low income homes by 2015/16).
- support sustainable housing schemes on Māori land
- reduce the number of substandard rural homes through the Rural Regeneration Fund and increase uptake of Kāinga Whenua loans for home ownership
- increase the number of qualified Māori in construction through trade training
- provide support to Māori organisations to register as community housing providers

HOUSING POLICY

HE WHARE ĀHURU HE ORANGA TĀNGATA (CONT.)

BUILDING ON THE GAINS SINCE 2008

As a partner in Government, the Māori Party has:

- launched He Whare Āhuru He Oranga Tāngata – The Māori Housing Strategy – a long-term strategy to improve Māori housing and respond to the housing aspirations of whānau, hapū and iwi.
- secured \$16m for a Māori housing fund to support the repairs and rebuild of rural housing, housing on the Chatham Islands and the development of Māori social housing providers (Budget 2014)
- secured \$12 million over four years for Māori organisations to assist with the infrastructure work required for new greenfield development on their ancestral land (Budget 2014)
- introduced new criteria for Kāinga Whenua loans, to make building on multiple-owned Māori land easier (Dec 2012)
- provided funding for social housing including kaumatua flats
- secured Social Housing Unit (SHU) funding for Māori and rural segments, from the \$37.35 million Social Housing Fund.
- supported new social housing funding to Māori and rural whānau with housing challenges in Northland and the East Coast.

WHĀNAU AS THE CATALYST TO PREVENT FAMILY VIOLENCE

It is estimated that family violence costs New Zealand \$8 billion per year. The social and cultural costs are even greater.

GOING FORWARD

The Māori Party has pledged a commitment to the provision of adequate and sustainable funding for domestic violence services, which is immediately accessible by survivors of domestic violence as well as to enable prevention of family violence.

The Māori Party will:

- Continue to support the strategy introduced by Associate Minister of Social Development Tariana Turia, **Achieving Intergenerational Change** which is about addressing violence issues that families face and weaving the strands of work together into an integrated, cohesive approach to ensure people are given the support they need to turn their lives around.
- introduce a direct resourcing pathway that expands E Tū Whānau and the Pasifika Proud campaigns
- seek to introduce new legislation (the Prevention and Protection from Family Violence Act) reflecting the view of the Government and the community that family violence/domestic violence in all its forms is unacceptable and is an intolerable violation of human rights
- push for the prevention of and response to family violence as a stated Government priority, with two Cabinet Ministers sharing responsibility and with one of those Ministers being the Minister of Finance
- invest funding in frontline services at Women's Refuges throughout Aotearoa to enable them to address the huge numbers of police callouts
- enable sustainable funding for specialist services to continue to provide information, first response and long-term support and treatment for those affected by sexual violence.
- want to see a much greater commitment into migrant and refugee services to provide culturally competent services to their own communities
- want to see a much greater commitment from ACC into responding to the deep impacts of sexual and domestic violence

Achieving Intergenerational Change is an over-arching, whole-of-Government approach that will include a suite of activity to strengthen the family violence system, and build on existing initiatives that are making a real impact in communities.

WHĀNAU AS THE CATALYST TO PREVENT FAMILY VIOLENCE (CONT.)

BUILDING ON THE GAINS SINCE 2008

As a partner in Government, the Māori Party has:

- supported the **E Tū Whānau principles and framework** which empowers whānau, hapū and iwi to respond to family violence by identifying solutions and implementing them. The focus is on Māori-led solutions grounded in tikanga and based on whānau strength; responsibility and accountability for positive change – from iwi, government and Whānau; and community discussion and action, led and modelled by Kahukura (community thought leaders);
- supported the **Pasefika Proud principles and framework** which encourages and supports Pacific communities to take ownership of the issue of family violence
- supported the **It's not OK campaign** which has been successful in raising attention to the issue of family violence and preventing violence. The It's not OK campaign aims to change attitudes and behaviour that tolerate any kind of family violence, and encourages and supports New Zealanders to seek help

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Pasefika Proud

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EMPLOYMENT POLICY

Whānau aspire to be self-reliant so creating a range of job opportunities and implementing a living wage are critical steps in realising this aspiration.

E whai ana ngā whānau ki te tū motuhake nā reira mā te hanga i te huinga o ngā tūranga mahi me te whakamana i te utu ora nei e ea ai te wawata.

GOING FORWARD

The Māori Party will:

- build on the gains made by doubling Māori and Pasifika Trade Training from 3000 to 6000 placements per annum
- secure \$2.5 million per annum for 250 Māori Affairs cadetships for unemployed Māori
- create an annual Ministerial Summit on the Māori economy to advance the Māori Economic Strategy
- introduce a living wage of \$18.80 per hour
- establish a working party to calculate tax credits for people who make regular contributions to our economy through volunteering, unpaid or community work.

CREATING REAL JOBS SINCE 2008

As a partner in Government, the Māori Party has:

- secured 3000 Māori and Pasifika Trade Training placements
- invested in sustainable partnerships with iwi, industry and training providers to identify employment opportunities and education pathways
- trialed and secured the funding of the highly successful Māori Affairs cadetships for unemployed Māori
- supported Community Max - a \$40 million work-place scheme targeting 16 to 24 year olds in partnership with local councils, iwi, Pasifika groups and the Mayors' Taskforce.

EMPLOYMENT POLICY (CONT.)

CREATING REAL JOBS SINCE 2008 (CONT.)

- completed a stock-take of the Māori economy which is estimated to be worth \$37 billion and growing
- developed a Māori Economic Strategy to advance Māori business growth and create real jobs
- supported an increase in the minimum wage to \$14.25 per hour

OUTCOMES FOR MĀORI

Trade Training schemes, like He Toki ki te Rika in Christchurch, are producing fantastic results. Graduates are in paid employment or undertaking further study.

Partnerships between iwi, industry and training providers are “game changers” resulting in industry and training providers reviewing the way they work with Māori.

96 percent of the graduates from the Māori Affairs cadetship programme have remained in paid employment or gone on to further studies.

The Māori Economic Strategy, He Kai Kei Aku Ringa, provides a long-term plan for maximising Māori potential including creating more real jobs.

The Māori unemployment rate (11 percent) is the lowest it has been for seven years.

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<http://hetoki.co.nz>

Māori Affairs Cadetships:

<http://www.beehive.govt.nz/release/budget-2013-m%C4%81ori-affairs-cadetships-be-expanded>

Māori Economic Strategy:

<http://www.tpk.govt.nz/en/consultation/medp/strategy/>

TE REO MĀORI POLICY

Te reo Māori is the window to the Māori world. Whānau, hapū and iwi have a critical role in leading its revival. The Crown has an ongoing responsibility to protect and promote te reo Māori as a taonga and as an official language of Aotearoa. Everyone living in Aotearoa should be encouraged to learn and speak te reo Māori.

Ko te reo Māori te matapihi ki te ao Māori. He wāhanga matua tō te whānau, tō te hapū, tō te iwi ki te ārahi i te whakarauoranga o te reo Māori. Ka noho haepapa tonu te Karauna ki te tiaki, ki te whaktairanga anō hoki i te reo Māori hei taonga, hei reo mana o Aotearoa. Me whai wāhi ngā tāngata katoa e noho nei ki Aotearoa ki te ako, ki te kōrero anō hoki i te reo Māori.

GOING FORWARD

The Māori Party will:

- support the passing of the Māori Language (Te Reo Māori) Bill. The Bill will give an independent entity, Te Mātāwai the authority to drive the Māori Language Strategy on behalf of iwi, hapū and Māori.
- make te reo Māori compulsorily available in all early childhood centres, primary and secondary schools
- support fees-free reo programmes for whānau and communities
- increase funding for Māori language teacher trainees
- continue to support the development of Māori medium education from kōhanga reo/puna reo to wānanga
- establish a Reo Centre of Excellence focused on language research priorities including language acquisition and professional development for teachers.

BUILDING ON THE GAINS SINCE 2008

As partner in Government, the Māori Party has:

- released a new Māori Language Strategy in July 2014 that recognises the leadership required to revitalise the language rests with whānau, hapū and iwi
- increased funding for Te Taura Whiri i Te Reo Māori four-fold in the last two years, mainly for community-based language initiatives like \$12.5 million for the Mā Te Reo fund reo Māori in homes and on the marae.

TE REO MĀORI POLICY (CONT.)

BUILDING ON THE GAINS SINCE 2008 (CONT.)

- developed legislation to provide for iwi and Māori language stakeholder organisations to appoint 10 members to Te Mātāwai, and for the Crown to appoint two members
- established 265 scholarships for teacher trainees in Māori medium education and Māori language teacher trainees at the secondary level
- secured funding of \$12 million over four years to support and retain new teachers in Māori immersion education
- secured funding of \$3 million to develop the national Te Aho Matua curriculum for kura kaupapa Māori
- secured funding of \$8 million to research better ways of regenerating te reo
- secured funding of \$1.5 million to archive precious Māori language broadcasting content in line with best industry practice
- increased the operational funding for iwi stations nationwide by \$13.5 million over the next four years
- secured \$30 million funding for Māori ICT Development Fund to support Māori economic development and te reo Māori and culture.

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Māori Language (Te Reo Māori) Bill

<http://www.legislation.govt.nz/bill/government/2014/0228/latest/DLM6174509.html>

Mā Te Reo (Community language fund)

<http://www.ma-tereo.co.nz>

Māori language teaching scholarships

<https://www.teachnz.govt.nz/thinking-of-teaching/maori-and-education/te-reo-maori-scholarship-opportunities/>

Te Rūnanganui o Ngā Kura Kaupapa Māori o Aotearoa (Te Aho Matua curriculum)

<http://www.runanga.co.nz/about-us>

TE TIRITI O WAITANGI & JUSTICE POLICY WHĀNAU-CENTRED & TREATY-DRIVEN

Te Tiriti o Waitangi is the founding document of our modern nation reflecting the partnership between Māori as tāngata whenua and the Crown. The government in exercising its kāwanatanga or governance has an obligation to also honour and support the partnership and ensure that Māori retain rangatiratanga or self-determination.

The Māori Party advocates for a restorative justice system based on Te Tiriti o Waitangi which is whānau-centred and free of discrimination.

GOING FORWARD

Te Tiriti o Waitangi

The Māori Party will:

- introduce the Oaths and Declarations (Upholding the Treaty of Waitangi) Amendment Bill to enable anyone taking any oath the option of stating that they will uphold Te Tiriti o Waitangi
- establish a Parliamentary Commissioner for Te Tiriti o Waitangi
- establish a new convention by which every cabinet paper, regulatory statement and bill must include a Treaty clause.
- ensure more constructive and timely responses by the Government to recommendations from the Waitangi Tribunal, including WAI 262.
- review the Office of Treaty Settlements and the Post Settlement Commitments Unit so that they meet expectations of Iwi and the Crown
- establish a regime for quarterly reports to the Iwi Chairs Forum and an annual report to Parliament from the Post Settlement Commitments Unit on progress with implementing Treaty settlements
- support an independent enquiry taking into account the examination conducted by the United Nations Special Rapporteur into New Zealand's Climate Change policy that stated it is discriminatory in respect of the rights of Māori.
- hold local government to account over treaty relationships with hapū and ensure they are representative of mana whenua
- maintain state sector focus on enacting outcomes from the Constitutional Review to ensure it gives effect to Te Tiriti o Waitangi
- include cultural competency training programmes and certification for any services delivered by government agencies and introduce cultural competency as an employment standard into the HR systems of the state sector.

TE TIRITI O WAITANGI & JUSTICE POLICY WHĀNAU-CENTRED & TREATY-DRIVEN (CONT.)

GOING FORWARD (CONT.)

A justice system that works with whānau to solve problems

The Māori Party will:

- initiate a review into the entire Justice System aligned with tikanga Māori and with a focus on eliminating institutional racism.
- repeal the three strikes legislation
- repeal the Electoral (Disqualification of Sentenced Prisoners) Amendment Bill
- establish an anti-corruption commission to absorb the investigative functions of the State Services Commission, Serious Fraud Office, the Judicial Conduct Commissioner and Conduct Panel and the Parliamentary Privileges Select committee
- dis-establish the Independent Police Conduct Authority and transfer its functions to the Anti-Corruption Commission
- emphasise a community justice approach to criminal justice and re-direct investment to support that approach
- review funding of Community Law Centres to enable community legal services to be sustainable and improve access to legal information, expertise and knowledge and extend to a further six regions
- support whānau-focused alcohol and drug addiction, recovery and restoration programmes and services including in prisons.
- initiate Computers in Cells to assist with literacy and numeracy
- introduce Whānau Facilitators to ensure whānau are informed and are able to discuss all their choices and the consequences (legal and non-legal) in the family court system
- ensure Whānau Facilitators work closely with iwi and hapū within the Whānau Ora Commissioning Agencies.

BUILDING ON THE GAINS SINCE 2008

As a partner in Government, the Māori Party has:

- negotiated for New Zealand to be a signatory to the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP) which was signed by Hon Pita Sharples in 2010.
- established Whare Oranga Ake - a programme for training and repatriating prisoners to life outside, and also preparing the community to receive and support offenders at the end of their sentence.
- lobbied to have the injustice of the Operation Eight raids recognised in a formal apology by the New Zealand Police.

Vision Statement

A strong, independent Māori voice with influence in the New Zealand Parliament

What We Do

We protect Māori rights and promote Māori interests, for the advancement of the nation.

How

By being a stabilising political influence that advocates for the interests and wellbeing of Māori and the nation.

Our Strategic Goals

Protect Māori Rights

- The Māori Party was born of the dreams and aspirations of tangata whenua to achieve self-determination for whānau, hapū and iwi within their own land; to speak with a strong, independent and united voice and to live according to kaupapa handed down by our ancestors.
- Our commitment to Te Tiriti o Waitangi as the founding document of this nation and to its whakapapa is steadfast
- The Māori Party grew out of protecting Māori rights under threat by the 2004 Foreshore and Seabed Act of the Labour-led government. [This legislation was repealed on 1 April 2011, by section 5 of the Marine and Coastal Area (Takutai Moana) Act 2011].
 - The Māori voice was stifled
- Supported the Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples which had been adopted by the UN General Assembly on 13 September 2007. The Declaration seeks to establish recognition of the rights enjoyed by indigenous peoples around the world, both collectively and individually. New Zealand was one of only four countries to vote against the adoption of the Declaration. On 20 April 2010, the Government reversed that position and announced New Zealand's support for the Declaration.
 - The strong Māori voice needed to be heard
 - The strong independent Māori voice needed to influence Parliament
- Opposed any legislation that threatened or undermined the rights and interests of Māori. [In the 50th parliament the Māori Party voted against 42 Government bills, including legislation on a proposed 'starting out wage'; the government communications security legislation, the state owned assets legislation (the Mixed Ownership Model); and adjustments to the student loan scheme].
 - The independent voice has to have its say

Promote Māori Interests

- Whānau Ora created a platform from which other whānau-focused initiatives can be launched, so we will promote and extend Whānau Ora.
- We will uphold and revitalise the expression of te reo me ona tikanga
- We will advocate for Māori economic development across the public, private and Māori sectors.
- We will encourage partnerships between Māori and the Crown, private and community sectors

Focus on whānau as the centre of everything

We are particularly mindful that

- one in seven people (598,605 or 14.9%) in New Zealand in 2013 are Māori
- one-third (33.1%) of people of Māori descent were aged under 15 years,
- The median age of Māori (half are older, half are younger, than this age) was 23.9 years in the 2013 Census compared with 38 years for non-Māori.

Whānau is our single priority, but within that context critical areas of concern are health, education, housing, environmental prosperity, employment, enterprise, innovation, business development and economic strategy. We add value to the debate by focusing on policies that bring real benefits to whānau, Māori and the nation, but enduring change can only come at the whānau level.

When combined with the values of the Māori Party, whānau as the centre of everything means:

- recognising whānau as the proper foundation for social cohesion, economic advancement, business success, and cultural leadership and security
- focusing on whānau-centred solutions
- engaging whānau in collaborative efforts with the public, private and Māori sectors
- ensuring whānau lead the way in creating a legacy of environmental richness
- defending and promoting indigenous representation in local, regional, national and international decision-making bodies

Strategic Drivers

- Whānau influencing everything
- Whānau creating their own prosperity and success
- Whānau enjoying the benefits of the increasing prosperity and success of Aotearoa - New Zealand
- Whānau fulfilling their obligations and responsibilities properly
- Whānau planning for their future
- Whānau leading and supporting economic development but without cost to the environment
- Whānau celebrating their history, identity and points of difference as New Zealanders

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Tū māori mai!