



# Taataki Kaupapa 2017

Policy Manifesto

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# RĀRANGI UPOKO

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# HE KUPU WHAKATAKI

## INTRODUCTION



**Toitū te kupu**

**Toitū te mana**

**Toitū te whenua**

**Whāia te mana motuhake**

The 2017 General Election will be a turning point in this country's history. It is our time – we must make it count.

The Māori Party was established to ensure that as tangata whenua, we have our own strong, independent Māori voice in Parliament. When we assert our independence as a strong and united Māori nation, we acknowledge that mana motuhake resides with us.

The Māori Party as a permanent fixture and a natural partner in the political landscape is never more important than right now. We must vote for kaupapa Māori. This has been the enduring message of the Māori Party, since we first entered Parliament in 2004.

We are reminded of the words of our founding members of the Party to stay true to the belief in ourselves as the creators of our own destinies. We recall the aspirations and call to action of Sir Pita Sharples in his maiden speech in Parliament:

“For this nation to thrive economically, culturally, and with a sense of social justice, Māori must be able to play a full role in all parts of society. Not only as leaders, educators, artists, business chiefs and sporting champions, but as citizens whose rights, culture and fundamental worth are valued and supported.”

*All that we do is underpinned by the guiding principles, philosophies and values of Te Ao Māori*



We also recall the courage of Dame Tariana Turia in crossing the floor leading to the birth of our Party. When Dame Tariana first addressed the House on the 27 July 2004 during her first speech as the Co-Leader of the Māori Party, she said:

“We believe a vote for the Māori Party is a vote for a stronger nation; a nation that is proud of the cultural tapestry that is truly representative of all the people who are of, and who have come, to the land; a nation that embraces diversity. There is no conflict between unity and diversity. We can truly celebrate the bringing together of Mana Māori; Mana Motuhake, and learn from all our views from one end of the spectrum to the other. We need to focus on what unites us, rather than what divides us. Our key platform as the Māori Party is kotahitanga, rangatiratanga, Te Tiriti o Waitangi.”

In 1983, Robert Mahuta and the University of Waikato’s Centre for Māori Studies and Research published: *‘The Tainui Report’*. One of the key issues the Tainui Report set out to explore was to attempt a definition of the ‘Māori problem.’ He observed:

“Thus, no matter from what angle one views Maaori history of the past 200 years, they have not been the initiators or controllers of change, but the victims. They are, and will remain, powerless while they lack control over resources, information and decision-making. This indicates that the Maaori is locked in a vicious socio-economic cycle in which they will remain unless new policies are developed.”

The task we face today is to introduce new policies that will advance the interests of our people, that will require us to think boldly and innovatively, building fences at the top of cliffs, not ambulances (and prisons) at the bottom.

We look to the vision of our founders Dame Tariana Turia, Sir Pita Sharples and Emeritus Professor Whatarangi Winiata to remind us that the answers lie within us, and unless we invest in the aspirations of whānau, our people are resigned to the same fate that successive governments have bestowed upon us.



Their legacy reminds us that we must have meaningful recognition of Māori political representation and that this can only be achieved when we are working together, united to assist whānau to achieve tino rangatiratanga. Our fate is in our hands, and our guiding principles of kaupapa tuku iho that have served us for generations, will continue to guide our pathway forward.

Dame Iritana Tāwhiwhirangi commented at the 2016 Māori Party AGM:

*“While we have never enjoyed so much economic and educational achievement as a people, we have done so at the expense of our whānau and hāpori Māori – the very institutions that have sustained us mai rā anō. We must support our whānau and communities to support themselves and orient policy and resources directly at them.”*

As whānau, we look at issues in an holistic way, acknowledging that all aspects of life – housing, jobs, health and education are inter-related and connected. We want what whānau want – to achieve total wellbeing.

Our primary goal must be to enable whānau to undertake transformational change; to lead, design and manage their own social, economic and cultural development; to support and care for the environment, themselves and each other; and to successfully navigate their own futures.

Whānau Ora redirects resources to enable whānau-centered, community-led approaches that invest in achieving pathways designed by whānau, for whānau to be self-reliant, creating their own prosperity and success; celebrating their identity, history and culture and planning their own successful futures.

Our direction going forward must be to expand the Whānau Ora approach; address the wrongs of the past and the resultant disparities, and more importantly - we must continue to lay the foundations for strong and vibrant whānau and communities through direct commissioning of resources. Our collective futures depend on it.

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vote for a stronger nation*



Ultimately - government, industry, business, community, hapū and iwi must work on developing a shared vision for the collective benefit of all New Zealanders.

Ko ngā whakatupuranga e whai ake nei, kia tupu he iwi tākiri ngākau, tākiri hinengaro!

# ARONGA RAUTAKI

## VISION AND STRATEGY



### VISION

Whāia te pae oranga

### MISSION

Our purpose is inspired by the whakatauki: He aha te mea nui o tēnei Aō? He tangata, he tangata, he tangata (What is the most important thing in this world? It is people, it is people, it is people).

### VALUES

The Māori Party is 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 and independent, unified Māori voice and to live according to kaupapa handed down by our ancestors.

We place whānau at the centre of everything we do because whānau/fanau/family is the foundation on which Aotearoa thrives. We are driven to advance the interests of our people, and to protect and defend their rights.

Our role in parliament is to provide a strong, independent voice that influences Parliament. We acknowledge our whakapapa connections to the Pacific and look towards uniting us all under a consolidated political movement.

We have achieved so much since our party was formed in 2004 when Māori rights were under threat by the Foreshore and Seabed Act and we have so much more to do.



As our founding President Whatarangi Winiata said in the Rua Rautau Lecture Series in 2005:

“It is my prayer that, well within the next 35 years, significant numbers across the electorates will recognise, and want to express support for, the legitimacy of the determination of their whānaunga Māori and their hoa tata Māori to achieve the tino rangatiratanga over taonga provided for in Article Two. They will discover that through the exercise of their vote under the current voting system they are able to give support to any political party that is committed to bring to an end the disadvantage suffered by Māori since the Tiriti/Treaty; in particular, the denial of rangatiratanga. The nation will discover that relief for rangatiratanga can be delivered without the initiative coming from kāwanatanga. Moreover, they will see that the action to achieve the relief will not require a majority of voters to lead it. A critical ingredient in here is the MMP voting system that the nation adopted slightly less than a decade ago.”

All that we do is underpinned by the guiding principles, philosophies and values of Te Ao Māori:

- Manaakitanga
- Rangatiratanga
- Whānaungatanga
- Kotahitanga
- Wairuatanga
- Mana Whenua
- Kaitiakitanga
- Whakapapa / Mana Tupuna
- Te Reo Rangatira

We will advance our political, institutional and legislative aspirations on behalf of all peoples. We all have a right to be healthy, well educated, and live in a warm, safe, affordable home; enjoy drinkable, swimmable water that kai can be collected from and a safe environment to enjoy for all who call Aotearoa home.

We recognise that identity, connection and belonging is the hallmark of cultural competence and confidence to live in this nation we all call home.



## **KEY GOALS**

Through *Taataki Kaupapa 2017*, we will further advance our long-held commitments and priorities:

- To honour Te Tiriti o Waitangi
- To achieve self-determination for whānau, hapū, iwi and Māori communities
- To protect and revitalise our language, cultural history and traditions
- To uphold our commitment to social justice and protection of the environment
- To speak with a strong, independent and united voice
- To embrace and reaffirm the whakapapa bonds that unite us through Te Moana Nui-ā-Kiwa

## **POLICY DIRECTION**

Our policy approach is based on whānau-centred and community-led solutions. Within the context of housing, education, health, the environment, employment and enterprise we are focusing on policies that bring real benefit to whānau.

Our strategic drivers include:

- Whānau designing their own pathways to be self-reliant
- Whānau creating their own prosperity and success
- Whānau celebrating their identity, history and culture
- Whānau planning their own future

Underpinning this approach is:

- Working from a strengths-based development model
- Moving funding and resources from service delivery to community-led development
- Taking a whole systems approach for longer term sustainable change



- Empowering local flaxroots leadership and community enablers
- Promoting central, local government, community, business and iwi collaboration

Homelessness, poverty, unemployment and high imprisonment rates are symptoms of a wider systemic problem and until we address the root causes of these issues the disparities between Māori and non-Māori will continue to exist.

We all have a right to quality health and education, affordable homes, clean water and a safe environment.



We believe in:

- Whānau designing their own pathways to be self-reliant
- Whānau creating their own prosperity and success
- Whānau celebrating their identity, history and culture
- Whānau planning their own futures

We want:

- Whānau working from a strengths-based development model
- To move funding and resources from social service delivery to whānau designed and community-led development
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- To promote central and local government, community, business and iwi collaboration

## WHĀNAU ORA

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The Māori Party will:

- **Implement** a range of policies that embody a Whānau Ora approach to addressing social, economic and cultural needs and aspirations.
- **Advance whānau-centred**, community-led development projects in health, housing, employment, Marae, education, rangatahi, environment and justice.
- **Expand** the Whānau Ora approach to support a greater number of whānau



- **Significantly increase** opportunities for Whānau Ora commissioning, right across government, as it was always intended to, with specific appropriation tagged to Whānau Ora Commissioning in justice, education, housing, social development, environment and business, innovation and employment
- **Create over** 3000 new Whānau Ora navigator positions as follows:
  - **500** hapū and iwi-led navigators
  - **120** navigators with specialist skills in family violence
  - **500** Pasefika church and communities-led TaTupu navigators
  - **1000** employment-led navigators
  - **1000** housing-led navigators
- **Invest** in the establishment of the TaTupu - Outcomes Framework for Pacific families. The TaTupu approach is a cultural, social and economic transformational change kaupapa-led by Pacific Island communities

## **ORANGA TAMARIKI | Children's Wellbeing**

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The Māori Party will:

- **Increasing** the numbers of kaiwhakawhānaungatanga (whānau researchers ) from 20 nationally to 150 in Oranga Tamariki
- **Requiring** Oranga Tamariki to engage in strategic partnerships with iwi and Māori organisations as a primary mechanism to improve outcomes for vulnerable Māori children, young people and their whānau



- **Requiring** Oranga Tamariki to invest in Whānau Ora to assist whānau to develop a stronger understanding on their own strengths and how they can better access social services to support better outcomes for vulnerable children
- **Implementing** the Waikato Tainui-led model *Mokopuna Ora* in more areas
- **Creating** 12 pilots based around the 1000 Days Trust model, an early intervention model which consists of a week-long residential services supported by a 1000 Days follow up service for whānau. The intended outcome for 1000 days is to proactively support whānau parenting, to establish healthy and positive relationships with their children, and to be backed with the tools to change the trajectory for whānau who may otherwise be placed at risk.

## **POVERTY AND THE RISING COST OF LIVING**

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We commit to eliminating poverty, disparity and inequality. The Māori Party will:

- **Set** a target to eliminate poverty in Aotearoa by 2025.
- **Increase** the focus on the role of the Ministerial Committee on Poverty with a renewed work programme to address the drivers of poverty for tamariki and their whānau
- **Implement** a new agreed all of Government Equity Accord that will address government department accountabilities and performance. These will be evaluated through a cross party agreed performance framework that includes specific targets related to department legislated activities, including specific monitoring spend on Māori/Pacific Health and Social outcomes with benchmarking and publicly published performance data



- **Establish** a Māori/Pasifika Health Commissioning Unit to identify health needs, identify evidence based interventions and approaches, and then prioritise funding to any organisation that can deliver the best contribution to outcomes. This Unit will measure, monitor and report on the funding and the outcomes
- **Establish** a new role of senior independent Equity Advisor for Outcomes under the Equity Accord, who is responsible to the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet and Minister of Māori Development that will be established to directly advise on progress on the Equity Accord and provide oversight on the Māori/Pasifika Health Commissioning Unit
- **Make** a 'cost of living' adjustment to all benefits
- **Introduce** a living wage for all workers

## HEALTH

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The Māori Party will:

### *Government investment*

- **Secure** the status of rongoa and other natural health products
- **Establish** a new Māori/Pacific Social Investment Fund managed by the Māori Pasifika Health Commissioning Unit, funded through a mix of Government direct investment, reprioritisation of poor existing expenditure within MOH, and the potential establishment of a Social Investment Bank (as established in the UK); as well as the Social Impact Investor market and Philanthropy Funds
- **Expand** investment in Whānau Ora Commissioning Agencies and working alongside the newly established Social Investment Agency to identify and invest in the development of new industry intermediary entities (potentially established iwi groups, scaled Māori NGO/Private sector entities) that evidence



their ability to work with target cohorts of population, coordinate service/intervention design, procure services, and measure outcomes

- **Direct** Pharmac to explicitly seek to address the disparity in health outcomes for Māori and Pasifika when funding decisions are made
- **Ensure** Māori and Pasifika are actively positioned to take advantage of industry advances in health and social sector technologies, through the Equity Accord not just as end users - but as developers also. This includes all emergent technologies that directly impact on positive outcomes for Māori and Pacific communities – new treatment modalities, information/digital health technologies, new licensing arrangements for new pharmaceuticals and treatments including medical marijuana, smoking cessation technologies, biotechnology advances including genetics and technologies specific to DNA, and other emergent social technologies.

#### *Community services*

- **Free** GP visits and dental care (including after hours and weekends) for those under 18 years
- **Remove** the \$5 prescription charge for low income whānau and fully subsidise all prescriptions for over 65 year olds and under 18 year olds
- **Free** prescription glasses and hearing aids for low income whānau in need
- **Free** annual medical and dental visit for over 55 year olds
- **Increase** in the number of mobile health clinics in rural communities
- **Resurrect** the Drinking Water Supply Fund, and delegate Te Puni Kōkiri to support 63 rural, isolated Māori communities to gain access to a drinkable water supply
- **Increase** in Kaupapa Māori:

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- services and drug and alcohol residential treatment centres and community-based programmes
  - mental health residential centres and community-based programmes
  - community-led birthing centres, antenatal, maternity and postnatal care services and programmes
  - hospice facilities, homecare services and programmes to support terminally ill patients and their whānau.
- **Explore** the rollout of iMOKO nationwide
  - **Screen** for gout and uric acid tests when assessing for other conditions such as diabetes and heart disease amongst Māori and Pacific communities.

#### *Specialist services*

#### Drug, Alcohol, Addiction

- **Invest** in whānau-focused alcohol and drug addiction, recovery and restoration programmes and services including in prisons
- **Establish a moratorium** on new liquor outlets and gaming machines in the community

#### Sexual violence

- **Provide** more funding for specialist services, treatment and support for those affected by sexual violence and abuse
- **Provide** more funding to frontline services such as Women's Refuge to address the increasing demand for family violence services



## Disability

**Increase** support for *Enabling Good Lives* so whānau have more choice, greater control and flexibility over support and funding in their everyday lives

## Rheumatic fever

- **Expand** a door-knocking campaign to educate aiga Pacific on the causes of rheumatic fever and other skin diseases
- **Increase** the investment in the prevention of rheumatic fever such as insulating low income homes, ensuring Housing New Zealand homes have a bach or extra rooms to address over-crowding
- **Subsidise** power bills by 50% for households whose members have rheumatic fever

## Suicide

- **Resource** whānau to be equipped to work together and develop their own solutions to suicide in both prevention, post-vention and health promotion approaches (Waka Hourua Māori and Pasifika suicide prevention)
- **Resource** and implement the Turamarama Declaration.
- **Expand** Oranga Rangatahi – the Rangatahi Suicide Prevention Strategy
- **Lower** the threshold to access appropriate support for individuals experiencing distress



## *Regulatory*

### Healthy kai

- **Remove** GST off fresh fruit, fresh vegetables and milk
- **Introduce** labels on drinks and processed foods that have the number of teaspoons of sugar they contain, clearly marked in large print

### Tobacco

Build on our smokefree by Aotearoa 2025 reforms.

- **Introduce** legislation prohibiting smoking in cars while children are passengers by the end of 2019
- **Reduce** the supply and import of tobacco products commensurate with the decrease in demand for those tobacco products
- **Limit** a number of licenced vendors who sell tobacco products and limit supply to them of low tar only tobacco products by 2020
- **Create** a new licencing programme for vendors who sell tobacco products, based on the current liquor licencing rules
- **Heavily** subsidise e-cigarettes and other vaping products
- **Increase** the minimum purchase age from 18 to 21 over the next five years

### P and other harmful substances

- **Review** the effectiveness of support services, education strategies, rehabilitation and communication strategies related to methamphetamine

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- **Develop** a national strategy that is whānau-centred and community-led to get beneath the drivers of P and address the wider determinants of health disparities
  - **Increase** the resources appropriated for P prevention, rehabilitation and education
  - **Obliterate** all synthetic cannabis and other psychoactive substances from our communities
  - **Increase** the numbers of respite care beds for p addicts in kaupapa-led A and D facilities

## **ORANGA RANGATAHI | Young Peoples Wellbeing**

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- **Expand** Taiohi Ararau (Passport to Life) to every rangatahi aged 17 to 20 years to ensure every rangatahi leaves college with a driver's licence, a bank account, an IRD number and a curriculum vitae
- **Free** public transport for students at all levels
- **Expand** the Rangatahi Suicide Prevention Strategy
- **Improve** access to vocational training and pathways in rural and isolated Māori communities
- **Expand** reciprocal Working Holiday Schemes to support greater rangatahi participation in overseas work holiday exchanges, and broaden appeal to international youth wanting to experience Māori culture
- **Introduce** international scholarships for rangatahi to travel overseas to attend indigenous youth, educational and cultural conferences



- **Partner** with iwi and local communities to provide better connections to identity, culture and language for rangatahi.
- **Establish** 2,000 Pacific youth scholarships and 300 Pacific youth internships per year

#### *At High School*

- **Remove** fees on NCEA exams so all students are able to receive their qualifications regardless of the whānau financial position
- **Establish** driver licence classes at secondary schools and provide access to identity documents through expanding the Taiohi Ararau (Passport to Life) programme
- **Target** investments in Waka Ama, Kapahaka clubs, community, regional and national rangatahi leadership hui
- **Appoint** mental health youth workers in schools

#### *School leavers & NEET*

- **Introduce** a 6 month 'earn as you learn' job experience scheme for unemployed youth
- **Establish** tuakana/teina role modelling programmes to encourage and incentivise rangatahi to make sound career planning decisions
- **Create** more pre-degree pathways for Māori and Pacific students who have not achieved entrance requirements to undertake tertiary education

#### *At Tertiary*

- **Introduce** First in Whānau scholarships to target the 'First in Whānau to engage in a Bachelor level qualification' programme.



- **Increase** the number of Teach NZ scholarships for Māori teachers and te reo Māori teachers
- **Write off** the living cost component of all student loans and explore the viability of writing off the total student loan for those who work in a job equivalent to their qualification in Aotearoa for a period of five years
- **Reinstate** student allowance for Post-Graduate students
- **Introduce** a universal student allowance and make a 'cost of living' adjustment
- **Reduce** the repayment levels on a student loan starting at 4% (\$40,000), 6% (\$50,000) and 8% (for \$60,000 and over).
- **Remove** the 8EFTS cap for medical students
- **Investigate and implement** new whānau-centred, student-led approaches to ensure rangatahi are well equipped to undertake and successfully complete tertiary study at all levels

#### *Rangatahi Entrepreneurs*

- **Implement** the recommendations from the Turongo Māhina-a-rangi Leaders by Design Summit 2017
- **Set up** community-based Māori Innovation and Entrepreneurship hubs
- **Support** and harness the inner 'tutu' of every rangatahi to realise their entrepreneurial potential through re-purposing *Matariki X* as a three-day workshop offered throughout Aotearoa
- **Provide** low interest business start-up loans for rangatahi entrepreneurs



## ORANGA KAUMĀTUA | Elders Wellbeing

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Kaumātua (elders) are a taonga (treasure) across all cultures. As such, we all have an obligation to ensure they are nurtured, loved and respected through their retirement. We embrace the knowledge, values and customs that they hand down for future generations.

Our elders are our window to the past, our connection to our present, and our backbone for the future. The Māori Party wants to ensure that all our kaumātua have access to the services they need to enable them to live comfortably and securely in their retirement.

The Māori Party will:

### *Legislation and government investment*

- **Establish** a new ministerial portfolio to ensure greater government accountability for retirement policy and greater investment in aged care for the benefit of all kaumātua
- **Amend** existing retirement policy to enable all eligible retirees to take their superannuation at the full rate, earlier than the current eligibility age of 65 years
- **Review** and reset the eligibility criteria for accessing superannuation for Māori and Pacific and consider lowering the age to 63 until life expectancy outcomes for Māori and Pacific are the same as for non-Māori and non-Pacific
- **Introduce** legislation that supports better regulations of aged care facilities
- **Reinvest** in the aged care sector to ensure the sector is able to provide greater care of Kaumātua living in rest homes or aged care facilities



- **Develop** government enabled co-investment options with whānau, hapū, iwi or community housing providers and private equity firms to support the building of fully serviced, high quality retirement communities

#### *Wellbeing & Cost of Living*

- **Expand** services for Gold card holders by introducing free healthcare through Whānau Ora services
- **Free** annual health and free annual dental check for all people aged over 60 years
- **Fully** subsidised prescriptions for everyone over 60 years of age
- **Free** bi-annual eyesight checks for everyone over 60 years of age
- **Introduce** subsidies for renewable energy solutions for goldcard holders through our Iwi Energy policy
- **Work** with local government to provide rate payment assistance for retired homeowners who are unable to pay their rates arrears due to the rising costs of living
- **Increase** financial support to enable whānau to care for kaumātua so they can remain with their whānau (if they choose to) and better support kaumātua who are struggling with the rising living costs
- **Advocate** for financial support for kaumātua who provide cultural or religious support to organisations or agencies on a voluntary basis
- **Free** public transport for those aged over 60 years
- **Increase** navigators for Whānau Ora and other support workers connecting and engaging with our elderly, to provide a safe support network to prevent elder abuse



- **Establish** specialised Māori-led elderly residential care facilities, medical and support services

#### *Grandparents as carers*

- **Increase** support from the Oranga Tamariki Agency for grandparents raising their grandchildren to ensure that grandparents are well resourced to raise their grandchildren – to get the right support, at the right time
- **Establish** a programme that allows young people to be mentored and taught life skills, budgeting, driving lessons, DIY and home craft skills by kaumātua willing to offer their knowledge, time and support.
- **Fund and support** grandparents who have taken on fulltime responsibility to care for their grandchildren outside of the care and protection system

## **EDUCATION**

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The Māori Party wants mainstream classrooms to speak the language of our tupuna; to include Māori ways of knowing in the curriculum, and to hold our tupuna up as role models of academic excellence. We agree with Māori parents who want their children to learn in schools that teach them that their ancestors were great philosophers, scientists, mathematicians, entrepreneurs and researchers (Macfarlane, Webber, McRae & Cookson-Cox, 2014).

The Māori Party wants all tamariki to stand tall in the knowledge that they have a rich and distinct heritage of scholarly endeavours.

Distinct tribal knowledge and role models matter as they serve as a solid foundation for the transformational learning, innovation, and intellectual and social development of our tamariki.



Not only are these ingredients a remedy to the continuing failures of the western education system, but they act as a positive approach to dealing with low academic efficacy, low self-esteem and poor school engagement.

To effect educational transformation and reform, the Māori Party will support schools, kura, kōhanga reo and tertiary education providers in conjunction with hapū and iwi in each region to make conscious, courageous and unapologetic decisions to carve out time and space to affirm tribal knowledge and history – legitimising its dignity, identity and integrity.

The Māori Party will:

#### *Early Childhood*

- **Provide** free early childhood education for all preschoolers
- **Work** with kōhanga reo to develop a regime to increase the numbers of tamariki attending kōhanga
- **Increase** funding for kōhanga reo, puna reo and kura kaupapa Māori
- **Build** the pipeline of language learning (Māori medium) through kōhanga reo, language immersion primary schools, intermediate and secondary schools to ensure tamariki who pathway through this system are fluent speakers of te reo at the end of their secondary schooling years

#### *Primary and Intermediate*

- **Reduce** class sizes in primary schools
- **Provide** free afterschool care and holiday programmes for all primary school-aged children
- **Introduce** financial literacy classes and savings programme in all primary and intermediate schools



- **Introduce** counsellors for youth mental health in all high schools
- **Provide** free public transport for all school aged and tertiary students
- **Improve** the rates of literacy and numeracy amongst Māori and Pacific school aged children so that they are comparable with that of their non-Māori counterparts
- **Continue** to support kura hourua charter schools

## TE REO MĀORI

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We have a vision for a proud, bilingual Aotearoa that supports Māori culture, language and Māori identity to flourish. The Māori Party will:

- **Bilingualise** towns and cities, starting with bi-lingual signage in Rotorua, Ōtaki and Wairoa
- **Establish** Reo Housing Development pilots in partnership between whānau, hapū, iwi, councils and government to create communities of reo-speaking papakāinga
- **Establish** a dedicated Centre of Excellence for research, development and teacher training for reo Māori
- **Make** te reo Māori, Māori history and culture core curriculum subjects in all schools up to year 10
- **Work** with the Ministry for Education and Teacher Training providers to develop a strategy to implement te reo Māori, history and culture in all schools a part of the core curriculum to Year 10
- **Provide** more funding for digital learning and digital learning programmes in te reo Māori



- **Increase** overall funding for Māori medium education
- **Promote** Māori medium as a viable pathway for student success and achievement
- **Create** parity of funding between Kōhanga reo and ECE providers
- **Set up** one year teaching courses for te reo Māori speakers
- **Increase** the number of Teach NZ scholarships for Māori medium teachers who are teaching STEM subjects, te reo Māori and Māori history and culture
- **Write off** student loans for teachers of te reo and Māori medium kaiako who have served more than five years teaching te reo or in the medium of te reo
- **Establish** a fund to enable one person in every non-reo speaking whānau to study Te reo Māori full time for two years at an approved reo wānanga or institute. The fund would pay for tuition and course related fees and provide an allowance similar to the 'Career Changer' scholarship – of up to \$500 per week to study
- **Establish** a \$1m annual fund to support Kura Reo
- **Establish** a \$5m annual fund to support Māori Performing Arts to flourish and include provision for Matatini kapa haka performers to travel as a part of tourism and economic development delegations to promote Māori language and culture
- **Support** a Te reo Māori Anake Village at Te Matatini, with provision for free entry to Matatini
- **Establish** a \$1m annual fund to support Ngā Manu Kōrero, a Primary School Reo Rua Spelling Bee Annual Competition, an annual Secondary National Quiz competition and a Māori Toastmasters competition.



## TERTIARY EDUCATION

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In tertiary education settings, students are discriminated against in that they are the only group in society who must borrow in order to cover their living costs while they study.

Many students are withdrawing from their studies due to the rising cost of living and other costs associated with full time study. This means they are taking out loans for tertiary education they are unable to complete, and adding to their debt profile as a result of inadequate support to fulfil their potential.

Student allowances should be universal to recognise the upskilling and contribution that all students will make to the workforce on completion of their studies. This will also reduce the debt a student will have when they enter the work force and make repaying the loan a more achievable goal, and potentially make the borrower take the loan more seriously and repay it sooner.

The Māori Party will:

- **Address** student loans and allowances schemes to minimise the burden of student debt and ensure students are financially able to complete their courses of study at all levels from undergraduate to doctorate
- **Introduce** a range of amendments and regulations to better support student achievement, student representation, and cultivate an environment that supports lifelong learning
- **Amend** the Education Act 1989 to reflect a definition of education that promotes and is consistent with the principle of lifelong learning
- **Establish** a biennial tertiary summit for students, and relevant ministers (Education, Māori Affairs, Science and Innovation) to collaborate on student aspirations and achievements



- **Increase** investment in student-led equity initiatives to grow representation of minority and marginalised tertiary students at local, regional, national and international levels
- **Repeal** the Education (Freedom of Association) Amendment Act 2011 which undermines the student voice and find a more workable solution
- **Remove** the cap on the number of allowable Wānanga, and support them with stand-alone legislation which requires mana whenua and Māori stakeholders to be part of the review and monitoring processes.
- **Require** all tertiary institutions to develop key performance indicators to ensure that training provided aligns with industry demand
- **Introduce** measures that improve access to tertiary education and provide the support needed to boost Māori and Pasifika participation and qualification attainment
- **Develop** a four year zero fee scholarship to target the 'First in Whānau to engage in a Bachelor level qualification' programme
- **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) and Private Training Establishments and Wānanga
- **Invest** more in culturally responsive pastoral care initiatives that support students to achieve their tertiary education aspirations and to help them navigate the services they need including financial literacy, health and academic preparatory skills
- **Double** the numbers of Māori and Pacific students successfully completing a Bachelor's degree in three years.



- **Reduce** the attrition rates of Māori and Pacific students in bachelor's degrees by half by 2025.
- **Double** the existing Māori and Pacific trade training and cadetships placements per annum for the next five years
- **Create** more pre-degree pathways for Māori and Pacific students who haven't achieved entrance requirements to undertake tertiary education
- **Improve** pastoral care initiatives to provide culturally responsive wrap around support to students for financial literacy; health and mental health support; basic study skills; academic writing and self-directed learning skills.
- **Partner** with iwi and employers to provide more scholarship and internship opportunities for whānau and to provide better connections for students to their tribal identity, culture and language.
- **Establish** tuakana/teina mentoring and coaching initiatives that encourages a seamless transition from secondary to tertiary education
- **Retain** interest-free loans
- **Introduce** a universal student allowance with cost of living adjustment to guarantee a livable income during study, for all tertiary students, including post-graduate students
- **Write off** the living cost component of all student loans and explore the viability of writing off the total student loan for those who work in a job equivalent to their qualification in Aotearoa for a period of five years
- **Reduce** the repayment levels on a student loan starting at 4% (\$40,000), 6% (\$50,000) and 8% (for \$60,000 and over)
- **Remove** the 8 year student loan cap for medical students



- Increase the accommodation supplement by half for all tertiary students
- **Create** an equitable funding regime for research conducted in wānanga
- **Ensure** mātauranga Māori is one of the National Science Challenge priorities

## EMPLOYMENT

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The Māori Party will:

- **Introduce** a living wage for all workers
- **Make a** 'cost of living' adjustment to all work related benefits
- **Provide** research and development grants to support Māori businesses
- **Ensure** local and central government procurement policies include employment and workforce development outcomes for Māori and Pacific Island whānau
- **Introduce** a 12 month job experience scheme for unemployed youth and pay a Youth Allowance to cover costs arising from employment related activities
- **Establish** 1,000 employment-focused navigators to connect Māori and Pacific Island jobseekers with employers and also provide pastoral care and support
- **Explore** paid internships at taxpayer funded organisations for Māori and Pacific graduates to grow the next generation of Māori and Pacific leaders
- **Introduce** a 6 month 'earn as you learn' job experience scheme for unemployed youth



- **Work** with the recreation, hospitality and tourism industry to develop international work exchange programmes for rangatahi aged between 15-25 years old.
- **Grow** the number of businesses that hire apprentices by extending apprenticeships to emerging industries such as those in the STEM and digital sectors
- **Develop** advanced apprenticeships schemes in the renewable energy, agriculture, forestry, construction, and engineering sectors for people wanting to upskill or retrain in another industry.
- **Introduce** fee free Master of Business Administration (MBA) programmes for people who have the relevant work experience but no formal tertiary qualifications.
- **Work** with the Health and Social Services sector, and the ICT, Electronics and Telecommunications sector to design and implement cadetships for technician roles.
- **Invest** in community-led pastoral care and skills matching programmes to support people who are new to the workforce or returning to the workforce after a prolonged absence.
- **Free** public transport for first year apprentices



## WHARE ORANGA | Housing

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Everyone has the right to an affordable, safe, warm and well insulated and well maintained home.

Everyone, no matter where they are in the country, no matter what their ethnicity, should live in a safe, warm, healthy affordable home. The goal of home ownership is a pipe dream for some living in our more expensive cities such as Auckland.

In many areas of New Zealand, tenants are finding more and more of their income is being spent on rent and as those rents rise, so too does the pressure on them to keep a roof over their heads, especially as wage increases struggle to keep pace with rising housing costs.

The Māori Party will:

- **Develop** a National Housing Strategy taking into account the specific rights and interests of Māori under Te Tiriti o Waitangi
- **Establish** a Housing Sector Committee within the first 3 months of the next Parliament to co-design a 25 year government enabled housing strategy that builds on *He Whare Āhuru He Oranga Tangata* and addresses the entire housing spectrum

### Homelessness

Adequate housing is a determinant of health and social outcomes. Homelessness is a mark of failure for communities in providing basic security.<sup>1</sup> The OHCHR indicate that homelessness is a prima facie violation of Article 11(1) of the International Covenant on Economic, Social, and Cultural Rights (ICESCR), which recognises the right of everyone to housing, adequate standard of living and continuous improvements of

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<sup>1</sup> <http://yaleglobal.yale.edu/content/cities-grow-worldwide-so-do-numbers-homeless>



living conditions.

The Māori Party will:

- **Require** the government to meet its international obligations under Art 11(1) ICESCR and set a target to eliminate homelessness by 2021
- **End homelessness** for everyone as a matter of urgent priority
- **Address** the over representation of Māori and Pacific whānau in severe housing deprivation and hold the Government to account to reduce the rates of homelessness and severe housing deprivation through the setting and monitoring of specific targets and measures.
- **Build** 30,000 houses over 2018/19 and a further 30,000 houses over 2019-2022 comprised of a mixture of social housing and apartment housing developments in Auckland and 30,000 houses over three years in other areas of NZ where whānau experience severe housing deprivation
- **Invest** in community and iwi-led projects to grow the number of social housing developments available for whānau in need
- **Prioritise** a \$1 billion Housing Fund for innovative housing products to more easily accommodate the specific needs of kaumātua, rangatahi and their whānau/families and extended whānau
- **Introduce** New Community Housing Associations made up of community and mana whenua representatives to purchase and manage state housing stock from Government for social and affordable housing
- **Advocate** for the Crown to make on account settlement to iwi whose claims are not yet settled to enable their participation in social / housing development opportunities



- **Enable** marae, hapū and iwi to purchase at cost government housing stock to hold in trust for
- **Support** communities to coordinate and expand on modern papakainga as urban solutions to land scarcity
- **Promote** 'wood first' policy that achieves better quality housing options
- **1000** new Whānau Ora navigators with specialist housing knowledge to support whānau in to homes, and to retain them in those homes
- **Fast track** the resourcing and funding of Marae and community organisations to provide immediate emergency housing for everyone in need
- **Review** the stock valuation of state housing and explore the viability of transferring a proportion of the ownership and management of state housing to Māori housing providers, hapū and iwi
- **Support** iwi-based and kaupapa Māori providers and consortia to participate in RfP processes through a non-competitive process that supports providers to become 'investment ready' and meet MSD contracting requirements
- **Support** cultural practices of extended whānau living arrangements to accommodate whānau housing needs by establishing an independent design review panel for all HNZC, urban regeneration and kāinga whenua infrastructure grant and Māori housing fund applicants.

#### *Renters Rights and Interests*

- **Prioritise** a review of the rental sector to ensure that whānau have access to suitable, habitable homes and tenure security at a fair price
- **Review** the *Residential Tenancies Act 1986* to restore equity to the Tenant and Landlord relationship and ensure whānau can enjoy greater housing security



- **Improve** tenants' rights
- **Freeze** rents on all social housing stock and review every five years
- **Introduce** housing navigators to support homeless whānau and individuals to get into homes, and support tenants and landlords with understanding their rights.
- **Enforce** compulsory annual warrant of fitness for all rental homes and introduce Housing Inspectors to ensure compliance
- **Provide** government subsidies for the installation of solar panels and efficient energy solutions, watertanks and sustainable heating solutions.
- **Explore** rent caps to ensure fair prices and affordability of private rental properties
- **Require** landlords to test for methamphetamine use if there is a reasonable suspicion that meth may have been cooked in the house before new tenants occupy it
- **Introduce** a cap on rent increases for all state-owned social housing stock and explore rent caps for private rentals
- **Impose** an obligation on landlords to ensure tenants are not out of pocket when landlords give notice due to the proposed sale of their property
- **Require** all Community Housing Providers and all Crown providers of state housing (such as HNZC) to provide for tenant involvement in governance, through boards to whom the CHP or HNZC must report regularly. Funding for their operation and a budget for tenant-led initiatives will be a required operating cost for the Community Housing Provider or Housing New Zealand Corporation



- **Expanding** the Kainga Ora approach with the introduction of a 'Well Housing' Initiative. We will use data to identify whānau in substandard living arrangements and work with intermediaries to target and co-ordinate a range of assistance as part of an expanded Kainga Ora initiative
- **Reintroducing** the Drinkable Water Supply fund to ensure every home is attached to a drinkable water supply
- **Provide** increased government subsidies for the installation of solar panels and water tanks
- **Take** urgent steps to tackle substandard housing and infrastructure in rural and urban areas
- **Simplify** rent subsidies such as the Accommodation Supplement and Income Related Rent subsidies package to allow more whānau to capitalise on their family support tax credits, income related rent subsidy and/or accommodation supplement allowances as a deposit for a home
- **Explore** subsidies and tax breaks for landlords who install heat pumps, insulation, DVS systems and wood pellet fires who tenant their homes with holders of community services cards to incentivise landlords to improve the state of their homes and to maintain the health of tenants
- **Create** a new category of social housing within the private rental market where tenants with school-aged children and larger families are income-tested and their rents topped up by government with the amount tenants are unable to pay; so larger families and families with school-aged children are able to live with dignity and have access to homes more quickly.
- **Review** the bond refund system and create fairer and more streamlined processes to get bonds released sooner



- **Improve** regulations around the earlier release of bonds and create a Bond Release Checklist that clarifies the definition of 'fair wear and tear' and 'clean' so tenants are not left paying commercial cleaners with their bond when they leave a property

#### *Home ownership*

- **Plan** better for the future, to ensure supply keeps pace with demand for homebuyers and tenants
- **Implement** pathways to home ownership to support all whānau to achieve their housing aspirations
- **Work** with the housing sector to build 60,000 houses in Auckland by 2022
- **Increase** the number of qualified Māori across the whole construction sector through initiatives such as trades training, and scholarships for Māori to develop their corporate skills in the construction industry with the aim to reach a target of 400,000 new homes by 2045
- **Re-introduce** the Māori Affairs low interest housing loans for Māori and Pacific families and support an overall government approach to helping all low-income families to access low interest housing loans
- **Address** the financial lending and legal barriers for papakāinga housing, shared
  - ownership, and co-housing options by maintaining and extending the Kainga Whenua fund and introducing a Māori Housing Equity Fund
- **Enable** whānau to capitalise on their family support allowance as a deposit for a home
- **Deliver** financial literacy and budgeting support for successful low-interest housing loan applicants

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- **Introduce** options for 'Rent to buy' and 'equity financing' for first time home buyers
  - **Subsidise** private developers to include a percentage of affordable housing in their projects
  - **Increase** the numbers of homeowners
  - **Extend** the Home Ownership Pathways trials
  - **Return** to the capitalisation of the family benefit to target support where it matters most – for younger children and larger families

## JUSTICE

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The Māori Party will:

- **Dismantle** institutional racism within the Justice System as a matter of urgent priority
- **Place a moratorium** on the building of new prisons and expand the provision of Whare Oranga Ake and Māori Focus Units in existing prisons
- **Reduce** the rate of Māori over-imprisonment by 30% by 2027
- **Reduce** the prison muster by 25% by 2025
- **Provide** racial bias training for all those who work in the criminal justice system
- **Establish** an independent group to oversee Māori strategy in accordance with Te Tiriti o Waitangi
- **Implement**, prioritise and expand restorative justice processes through a kaupapa Māori lens



- **Support** other culturally relevant approaches to prison and crime rates that address violence in all its forms, reoffending and recidivism and create a community-led fund for initiatives that focus on prevention of social harm
- **Review** protocols around police use of pepper spray, guns and tasers

#### *Legislative changes*

- **Repeal** legislation that disproportionately impacts Māori to reduce the targeted criminalisation of Māori and introduce restorative measures that ensure mana ōrite is upheld
- **Establish** an *Anti-Corruption Commission* to absorb the investigative functions of state sector agencies
- **Disestablish** the Independent Police Conduct Authority and transfer its functions to the Anti-Corruption Commission
- **Repeal** the *Bail Amendment Act 2013* to reduce the level of Māori imprisonment
- **Repeal** the *Sentencing and Parole Reform Act 2010* three strikes legislation
- **Repeal** the *Electoral (Disqualification of Sentenced Prisoners) Amendment Act* to ensure every person in Aotearoa is able to exercise their democratic right to vote
- **Repeal** the Three Strikes Legislation, Sentencing and Parole, and Victims Rights Acts
- **Remove** criminal penalties for the possession and personal use of certain illicit drugs
- **Review** sentencing laws to restrict prison to an option of last resort



### *Access to justice*

- **Review** funding of Community Law Centres to enable community legal services to be sustainable and to improve access to legal information, expertise and knowledge
- **Introduce** Whānau Facilitators to ensure whānau are informed and able to discuss all their choices and the consequences (legal and non-legal) in the family court system
- **Require** Whānau Facilitators work closely with iwi and hapū within the Whānau Ora Commissioning Agencies
- **Empower** communities to reduce social harm and criminalisation by introducing a suite of housing and hauora policies and initiatives that support community-led, whānau-centred approaches
- **Adapt** and expand specialist courts to align with evidence – mental health, homelessness, AODT
- **Increase** funding and resources to support Marae-based youth court and restorative justice programmes, including iwi panels in line with evaluation recommendations
- **Advance** community-led restorative justice approaches to crime
- **Re-direct** investment to community justice approaches to criminal justice
- **Support** sustainable funding of Community Law Centres to improve access to legal information, expertise and knowledge and extend these services to a further six regions
- **Expand** iwi panels, Kooti Rangatahi, Kooti Whāna, Matariki Courts across NZ and increase the numbers of specialist courts including the AOD Courts, following an evaluation of the current trials underway in the Drug and Alcohol Treatment courts in Auckland



- **Establish Kooti Māori** that encourages kaupapa-based approaches to dealing with whenua and whānau
- **Develop** a community-centred approach to criminal justice and introduce a strategy to reinvest putea in community and criminal justice initiatives and approaches
- **Introduce** therapeutic-based treatment and courts that invest in long-term reintegration and rehabilitation post-release
- **Provide** more funding and resources to support Marae-based youth court and restorative justice programmes

#### *Whare Oranga Ake*

- **Extend** Whare Oranga Ake to every prison service to support long term reintegration and rehabilitation post-release
- **Create** a community-led fund for initiatives that focus on preventing social harm
- **Initiate** a Computers in Cells policy to support inmates to achieve literacy and numeracy goals
- **Initiate** a review of the entire justice system and align it to tikanga Māori with a focus on removing institutional bias
- **Develop a Māori Pathway for Women Prisoners** that are culturally responsive to assist in addressing the disproportionate number of Māori women in prison
- **Reinvest** in Te Reo and Tikanga programmes in all prisons and programmes to support prisoners reintegrating back into the community

- **Support** iwi-led, kaupapa focused existing prisons to reduce recidivism amongst offenders
- **Invest** in more adequate social and community housing for offenders with links to access to appropriate community mental health services and support
- **Provide** community-led alternatives to secure youth residences
- **Provide** funding to run te reo Māori and tikanga programmes in all prisons and programmes to support prisoners reintegrating back into the community
- **Expand** the Passports to Life initiative to all paroled offenders and prisoners on probation to support them to get a driver's licence, identification, bank account or curriculum vitae.

#### *Family violence*

- **Increase** funding for abuse survivors to immediately access specialist services, treatment and support
- **Provide** lifelong, free access to therapeutic-based support for victims and their families
- **Establish** 120 new navigator positions under this kaupapa to extend *Tu Pono: Te Mana Kaha o Te Whānau* the Whānau Ora Facilitator approach that enables whānau to eliminate violence from within their lives
- **Educate** children and young people about what child abuse and domestic violence is and how to protect themselves
- **Address** the urgent need for a greater investment by government in whānau restoration programmes that address sexual violence and 'whole of whānau' initiatives to ensure the active participation and engagement of all whānau members.



- **Increase** facilities and resources for families to help those at risk free themselves from sexual violence
- **Invest** in frontline services such as Women's Refuges throughout Aotearoa to enable them to address the huge numbers of police callouts, to restore safety and wellbeing while still maintaining zero tolerance for violence
- **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
- **Advocate** for a much greater commitment from ACC into responding to the deep impacts of sexual and domestic violence.
- **Introduce** a direct resourcing pathway that expands E Tū Whānau and the Pasifika Proud campaigns
- **Extend** the reach and access of Facilitators in the Family Court to support whānau navigating their way through the Family Court system
- **Continue** to support the *Achieving Intergenerational Change* strategy introduced by former Co-Leader, Dame Tariana Turia.

# TIRITI O WAITANGI

## TREATY OF WAITANGI



The Government has an obligation to honour and protect the rights of Māori guaranteed under Te Tiriti o Waitangi

The Māori Party will:

- **Entrench** Te Tiriti o Waitangi in all legislation
- **Empower** the Waitangi Tribunal to make binding recommendations
- **Implement** a suite of overlapping policies and law changes that recognise the status of Māori as tangata whenua and uphold the rights guaranteed to Māori in Te Tiriti
- **Give** Māori voters the right to change from the General Electoral Roll to the Māori Roll at any time
- **Set up** a Royal Commission of Inquiry in to institutionalised racism
- **Set up** a Royal Commission of Inquiry in to the abuse of state wards
- **Support** Bilingual Towns and Cities (starting with Wairoa, Rotorua and Ōtaki)
- **Support** Kōhanga reo to achieve equity of funding
- **Progress** the Crown's WAI 262 response
- **Implement** the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples
- **Progress** the Crown's response to the Kōhanga reo claim
- **Establish** the role of a Treaty of Waitangi Commissioner as an Officer of Parliament



## LEGISLATIVE REFORM

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The Māori Party, in consultation with whānau, hapū, iwi, and hapori Māori will progress the following legislative reform:

- NRAIT and Mawhera Leases
- Taranaki Annuity
- Rua Kenana Statutory Pardon
- Māori Arts and Crafts Institute legislation
- Parihaka (legislation for settlement)
- **Entrench** the principles of Te Tiriti o Waitangi in all legislation
- **Place** a moratorium on new liquor outlets and gaming machines in the community
- **Protect** property rights and fisheries settlements in the Kermadecs Ocean Sanctuary Bill
- **Support** the introduction of a bill to impose a sugary drinks tax
- **Support** the Smokefree target of 2025 with the introduction of legislation prohibiting smoking in cars while children are passengers
- **Repeal** s360D(1)(d) and reinstate appeals in the Resource Legislation Amendment Act 2017
- **Repeal** the Children and Young Persons and their Families (Oranga Tamariki) Act 2017
- **Repeal** local government laws regarding the Māori wards referendum threshold and legislate for Māori representation on local wards



- **Amend** the Electoral Act to:
  - ensure persons of Māori descent are automatically enrolled on to the Māori roll;
  - every three years have an 'opt-off' option
  - reduce the boundaries of the current Māori electorates; and
  - entrench the Māori electorate seats
- **Introduce** the Te Rā o Parihaka Bill to replace Guy Fawkes Day with a new public holiday to commemorate the Parihaka movement
- **Introduce** a Warrant of Fitness on all rental properties, and subject landlords to a star rating system for affordable/warm/safe and dry housing
- **Repeal** the Public Works Act to exempt Māori land and land for Treaty settlements from compulsory or voluntary acquisition
- **Amend** the Urban Development Authorities Bill which currently provides that Urban Development Authorities (UDAs) ensure mana whenua are represented on all UDAs.
- **Ensure** rongoā protection status in the Natural Health Products Bill
- **Amend** the Immigration Act to include tikanga Māori in its application and incorporate a pledge to uphold Te Tiriti o Waitangi in the Oath of Citizenship.
- **Amend** the Residential Tenancies Act to impose an obligation on the landlord to test for methamphetamine use before a new tenant occupies the property if there is a reasonable suspicion that the property has had methamphetamine cooked in it
- **Review** the Health and Disability Act to determine the ongoing value of DHBs as both provider and funder



- **Repeal** the Education (Freedom of Association) Amendment Act 2011 which undermines the student voice and find a more workable solution
- **Review** of the Crown's structure and process for addressing Marine and Coastal Act (MACA) applications to identify and address any unnecessary delays and ensure justice is not delayed for Māori who have made applications under the MACA.
- **Repeal** the Bail Amendment Act
- **Update** the Treaty of Waitangi Exception Clause in existing and future Free Trade Agreements with Māori legal experts, drafted in both English and Te reo Māori, with the Māori text given precedence in the event of any disputes.

## MĀORI ELECTORATE SEATS

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- **Retain** the Māori Electoral seats as our birthright, and make a provision that only Māori will decide when or if we no longer need them
- **Amend** the Māori electoral option to enable Māori voters the right to change from the General Electoral Roll to the Māori Roll at any time
- **Legislate** for Māori seats in Local Government without the need for a referendum and on District Health Boards as of right

## WATER

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- **Set up** a Royal Commission of Inquiry in to water rights and interests
- **Stop** the export of water by foreign owned companies
- **Legislate to protect** freshwater and give it the status of taonga
- **Introduce** a levy on water used for commercial purposes



- **Enhance** Te Mana o Te Wai funding to support community projects such as planting riparian buffers and establish wetlands
- **Establish** Regional Water Authorities based on a co-governance model re: management, clean up, allocation and development rights, of water
- **Ensure** Te Mana o Te Wai is the overarching objective for freshwater management
- **Impose** a moratorium on the sale of water (this includes all water used/sold for commercial use including water exports by foreign companies) so that issues around water, namely quality, management and ownership, can be addressed
- **Make** the freshwater standard 'drinkable'
- **Set up** annual Te Mana o te Wai funding to support community projects such as planting riparian buffers and establishing wetlands
- **Prioritise** action to counter the effects of pollution caused by nitrogen and phosphorus that are leaching into our waterways
- **Support** the establishment of regional water authorities based on a co-governance model re: management, clean-up and allocation and development rights, of water
- **Support** funding for the capturing of rainfall and better clean water storage systems particularly in rural areas



## IMMIGRATION AND REFUGEES

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We support immigration policy that fosters greater cohesiveness within and between the many cultures that have come to call Aotearoa home. Our desire is for every new immigrant and refugee to be welcomed to Aotearoa with a pōwhiri and over time, to have a basic understanding of te reo and Māori culture.

We also support immigration policy that recognises and respects the status of Māori as tangata whenua of Aotearoa and the rights guaranteed under Te Tiriti o Waitangi and acknowledges the mana and mātauranga that people immigrating to Aotearoa bring with them.

Over the generations, our ancestors travelled through South East Asia and across the Pacific before discovering Aotearoa over 1,000 years ago.

We built intimate connections with this land and lived according to the law (lore) of tikanga Māori. Our connection to this land was established through our tupuna, bound through generations of whakapapa, and is intimately entwined in our notions of tangata whenua.

The Māori Party is committed to ensuring that as the Tiriti (Treaty) partner, Māori are re-empowered to exercise equal rangatiratanga alongside the Crown.

Our ancestors welcomed the first wave of immigrants to this country. As tangata whenua we embrace our obligations to actively participate in decision making and to share our history and culture with whānau from any continent choosing to settle here in Aotearoa.

We maintain that manaakitanga must be extended to all peoples coming to Aotearoa, and we will balance this against kaitiakitanga which informs whether we are in a position to meet our obligations.



The Māori Party recognises that facilitating the movement of people between countries is part and parcel of the reality of our world today. Our values system means we can be responsive in how we as a country approach immigration.

We should not be reducing people to numbers or exclusion on the basis of populist opinion. We encourage foreign students to study in New Zealand as this is an export industry that does not put pressure on our natural resources.

The Māori Party will:

*Legislative measures*

- **Amend** legislation to ensure our framework supports the settlement and integration of newly arrived immigrants and refugees
- **Amend** the Immigration Act 2009 to recognise the status of tangata whenua and our tikanga
- **Amend** the Citizenship Act 1977 to incorporate upholding Te Tiriti o Waitangi in the Oath of Citizenship
- **Eliminate** immigration policies that discriminate on the grounds of race, religion or culture
- **Appoint** two jointly responsible Immigration Ombudsmen (a tangata whenua representative and a tau iwi representative) and grant them powers to hear and investigate complaints and to resolve immigration issues on referral from Licensed Immigration Advisors following review of an unfavourable decision by Immigration Officers
- **Introduce** a Te Tiriti o Waitangi programme as a prerequisite to gaining citizenship, meeting language and settlement requirements



### *Incentivise investment*

- **Introduce** new visa categories so we can be responsive to humanitarian needs and incentivise greater investment in our domestic infrastructure and regional economies
- **Introduce** a Social Returns Visa under the Investment Category to incentivise investment in social housing & infrastructure
- **Reintroduce** the parent category and the family reunion category to ensure whānau are not disconnected by borders
- **Prioritise** the introduction of a climate change refugee category
- **Establish** a partial amnesty for persons whose stay in Aotearoa New Zealand has become unlawful

### *Cultural exchange*

- **Protect** the reputation of Aotearoa New Zealand as a premium International Education provider
- **Reinvest** in international education to ensure the needs of our international students are met, and our reputation as a premium education provider is protected
- **Introduce** a compulsory Te Tiriti o Waitangi educational programme for all international students studying in Aotearoa to grow their cultural understanding of tangata whenua and enrich their study abroad experience
- **Expand** working holiday schemes to support greater rangatahi participation in overseas work holiday exchanges, and broaden appeal to international youth wanting to experience Māori culture



- **Support and invest** in reciprocal cultural and knowledge exchange initiatives with our international communities to raise awareness of Māori as tangata whenua and opportunities for all New Zealanders to learn about the values and knowledge international whānau bring to Aotearoa

#### *Regional growth and skills recognition*

- **Establish** an Expert Advisory Group to Government to evaluate 'Economic Hotspots' and identify opportunities that will stimulate provincial economies. This will provide alternatives for people wanting to move to Aotearoa, but who are attracted with the incentives that are offered to settle/invest in the smaller economic centres.
- **Support paid** regional community internships programme for skilled migrants, refugees, and international students graduating from a New Zealand tertiary institution to support the regions to grow
- **Promote** and incentivise settlement in the regions to support regional growth and reduce pressure on infrastructure in Auckland
- **Provide** incentivised pathways to temporary visas, residence visas and citizenship all aimed at supporting regional growth and the kaitiaki and manaaki role of Māori in Aotearoa
- **Introduce** a Regional Cadetships programme to enable new immigrants or refugees to work in a job relevant to their existing qualifications while undertaking accredited training or study to have those skills, qualifications and experience recognised here in Aotearoa

#### *Support and settlement*

- **Implement** greater support for refugees and new immigrants experiencing hardship

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- **Increase** the refugee quota and prioritise refugee whānau for the Regional Cadetships programme
  - **Implement** an ethnically diverse Whānau Ora navigator unit to help new whānau to access the services they need to begin their new lives in a new country to enhance their whānau wellbeing
  - **Introduce** a hardship pension that exempts eligible Pasifika Peoples aged 65+ who gain citizenship from the standard 5-year waiting period

## TREATY SETTLEMENTS

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We will continue to support all Treaty settlement legislation that implements agreements reached between the Crown and iwi/hapū.

The Māori Party will:

- **Support** the protection of Treaty settlement land and whenua Māori from compulsory acquisition under the Public Works Act.
- **Press** for the Public Works Act to be amended to prohibit the compulsory acquisition of whenua Māori and any other land returned to an iwi or hapū as cultural redress in a Treaty settlement.
- **Support** the review of Marine & Coastal Area (Takutai Moana) Act 2011 process and government structures
- **Support** funding for Treaty settlement education
- **Press** for funding to be provided to the Ministry of Education and Ministry of Culture and Heritage to help develop local-based curriculum for students in relation to Treaty claims and settlements.



The Māori Party trusts iwi Māori to make their own minds up about whether a Treaty settlement proposal their representatives have negotiated contains suitable redress.

We support the return in Treaty settlements of cultural icons such as maunga.

Historical settlements such as the Tamaki Makaurau maunga settlement, Ngāi Tahu claims settlement, Te Urewera settlement and Te Awa Tupua settlement all recognise the deep significance to Māori of their sacred and special places.

These settlements have not alienated the rest of New Zealand from public places but have enhanced them.

The Māori Party will continue to support the transfer, co-governance and special recognition of wāhi tapu, wāhi taonga and wāhi whakahirahira through historical Treaty settlements.

The Māori Party supports the need for more House time to advance Treaty settlement legislation.

A number of Treaty settlement Bills have languished in the House waiting for debating time. There are also several deeds of settlement that have been signed but for which settlement legislation is yet to be introduced. Justice delayed is justice denied. Treaty settlement legislation should be recognised as having special constitutional significance and afforded priority time in the House.

The Māori Party will press for all settlement Bills to be introduced within three months of signing and enacted within twelve months of introduction.

The Māori Party will promote a more flexible approach to unlock and complete Treaty settlements that have been slowed down due to failure to agree financial redress.



Several Treaty settlement negotiations for small to medium iwi have stalled or taken longer than normal to negotiate because of dispute over financial redress.

The cost of delay for these iwi and for the Crown and the local communities is far greater than the fiscal costs to the Crown of meeting the iwi expectations. There is also little or no real cost in terms of changes in the relativity between settled and unsettled iwi.

The Māori Party supports a more flexible approach by the Crown to help close the quantum gap between iwi financial redress expectations and Crown quantum forecasts.

The Māori Party supports a more flexible approach to on-account Treaty settlements.

There are significant opportunities to participate in the development of land for housing at present for settled iwi with financial resources and an asset base. Iwi provide a particular cultural and social outlook that is much needed in the housing sector. However there are also iwi whose claims have not been settled who are unable to participate in these opportunities.

The Māori Party will press for the Crown to make on account settlement to iwi whose claims are not yet settled to enable their participation in these opportunities.

The Māori Party supports the ability to lock in land values for commercial redress in places of high inflation.

In some parts of the country high land inflation has eroded the value of Treaty settlement redress between the agreement on quantum and the transfer of the assets. Some valuations that have been agreed have subsequently expired for reasons not of iwi making, and revaluation has consequently meant some assets could not be bought or have cost more to acquire.



The Māori Party will ensure that the value of settlement land will be locked in and will not be re-opened if there is a delay that cannot be attributed to the iwi.

The Māori Party will continue to protect the integrity of Treaty settlements that have been completed – eg fisheries settlement vis a vis Kermadecs Ocean Sanctuary Bill, Te Kawerau ā Maki etc.

There has been a large number of Treaty settlement completed in the last few terms of Parliament and it is critical that these are honoured by the Crown in the letter and the spirit.

The Māori Party will press strongly for any potential breaches to be identified, acknowledged and remedied immediately in the letter and spirit.

The Māori Party will advocate for greater acceleration in the identification of Crown land by LINZ. The Crown database of Crown owned land is still woefully inadequate. The Māori Party will press for the current review of the accuracy and accessibility of Crown land databases to be accelerated.



## ENVIRONMENT

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The Māori Party will:

- **Campaign** for the reduction of all forms of waste
- **Ban** plastic bags and incentivise the provision of more sustainable alternatives
- **Provide** free reusable cups for hot drinks and incentivise the use of reusable cups through subsidising hot drinks
- **Restore** the health and wellbeing of our rivers, lakes and waterways
- **Support** a levy on all tourists entering Aotearoa to improve infrastructure and impacts on the environment.
- **Support** research and development of a natural alternative to 1080
- **Introduce** tax breaks for renewable energy research and projects
- **Repeal** section 360D of the Resource Legislation Amendment Act
- **Promote** the transition from net setting and trawling (which would be out to the 100m depth contour) to more selective sustainable methods thereby enhancing biodiversity within the marine area and preventing the extinction of marine species such as the Maui and Hector's dolphins and the eyelash seaweed
- **Review** the Quota Management System and current New Zealand fisheries management to address issues of fish dumping, the non-reporting of bycatch and illegal fishing practices
- **Support** the rebuilding of depleted fish stocks for inshore fisheries and the closure of sensitive inshore fisheries areas to destructive commercial harvesting methods to protect and enhance the environment and save juvenile fish.

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- **Enhance** biodiversity within the marine area and prevent the extinction of the Maui dolphin and other marine life

## CLIMATE CHANGE SOLUTIONS

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The Māori Party will:

- **Prioritise** solutions that address the effects of Climate Change working across the political spectrum to tackle climate change
- **Enact** emissions targets into law and support the setting of carbon budgets that would act as stepping stones towards the targets
- **Support** the establishment of an independent Climate Commission to advise on setting carbon budgets and to report on meeting those budgets
- **Set up** government subsidies for electric vehicles for community groups
- **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-school models of curriculum
- **Support** a proposal that will see the planting of 100,000 hectares of new forests over the next 10 years

## RENEWABLE ENERGY

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The Māori Party will:

- **Introduce** tax breaks for renewable energy research and projects
- **Provide** incentives for the business and industry sector to change from coal generated power to solar energy



- **Introduce** a government subsidised solar energy installation plan for all homes in Aotearoa
- **Promote** innovative ways to support the development of alternative fuel from raw materials
- **Develop** a trial with the Māori Centre of Research Excellence and the Government to test the viability of a locally focused alternative fuels project
- **Develop** grants to fund mentors to support whānau to develop alternative energy sources
- **Champion** solar panels for government agencies, hospitals, schools and marae.
- **Subsidise** solar heating and expansion of energy hubs for rural communities
- **Close** all coal fired power plants by 2025
- **Provide** solar power and energy storage (home battery) solutions to low income families and remote communities
- **Provide** solar power and energy storage solutions to Marae, schools, hospitals, government departments, sports clubs and community centres
- **Introduce** a government subsidised solar energy installation plan for 200,00 homes over a one year period
- **Enable** families, community organisations and businesses to sell their unused solar energy to a government trading platform
- **Ensure** mana whenua are consulted on all oil and mineral exploration permits



## SME GROWTH AND REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT

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The Māori Party will:

**Expand** the refresh of *He Kai Kei Aku Ringa – the Māori Economic Development Strategy* to ensure as many whānau flourish as possible.

### *SME growth and Māori Business*

- **Establish** Tangata Whenua Supply (TWS) is a new initiative to encourage government departments, private organisations and corporate agencies to use suppliers from indigenous-owned businesses. Based on a relationship with Supply Nation (Aboriginal owned) in Australia, TWS is about promoting supplier diversity, achieving both measurable social impacts, and increasing sustainability, flexibility, innovation and value.
- **Establish** a new procurement policy that imposes a target for the proportion and value of government contracts that need to be awarded to Māori owned businesses and minimum participation requirements in contracts valued at or above a minimum dollar threshold.
- **Introduce** incentives to promote joint ventures between iwi, industry and businesses
- **Increase** funding for the Whenua Māori Fund to support whānau to explore how they can use their land
- **Increase** the availability of low interest business start-up loans
- **Set up** community-based Māori innovation and entrepreneurship hubs



### *Regional development*

- **Invest** in regional, national and international economic growth and development will create jobs, training and business opportunities.
- **IWI RAIL:** Transfer NZ rail assets to Iwi to develop a national railway network
- **IWI INVEST & BANK:** Set up a consortium of Iwi, Māori land trusts and corporations to invest in major economic development opportunities. Set up a Māori bank to administer housing, land development and business start-up loan
- **IWI TOURISM:** Invest further in supporting Māori tourism business opportunities.
- **IWI POWER:** Lead a government subsidised solar energy installation scheme for all low income families and rurally isolated communities
- **Reinvest** minerals royalties back in to the regions, with a percentage of royalties paid to a regional body that has compulsory representation of mana whenua.
- **Appoint** regional ambassadors for every region in the country to work with communities, mana whenua, ministers and central and local government to advocate for the region, act as a conduit between the Crown and the region and help solve problems and facilitate regional initiatives. Regional Ambassadors will be akin to existing Chief Crown Negotiators: people of standing and experience who are able to work with a range of different audiences. They will be independent of government departments and will report directly to the Minister.



## MARAE ORA | Wellbeing of Our Marae

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The Māori Party will:

- **Increase** funding for Marae development programmes and building renovation projects
- **Create** incentives to invest in marae accessibility so that all people with disabilities and their whānau have more choices, controls and flexibility over their everyday lives.

# RANGATIRATANGA



## WHENUA

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The Māori Party will:

**Stop** the sale of freehold land to non-resident purchasers and introduce a leasehold only policy

## TE AO WHĀNUI | International Trade and Relations

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Whānaungatanga is the key to strengthening the place of Aotearoa New Zealand in the international community and forging enduring political, cultural and economic relationships.

We support tangata whenua to grow relationships with our international trading partners. The Māori Party will:

- **Ensure** NZTE has Māori representation in all their national and international offices
- **Establish** a Māori Trade Expert desk in NZ Trade and Enterprise (NZTE) that protects the integrity of the Māori Inc. brand
- **Support** the development and use of Indigenous Free-Trade Agreements
- **Legislate** for the nomination of Māori Trade Ambassadors by Māori, for appointment by the Minister for Māori Development to honour He Whakaputanga me Te Tiriti, recognise our status as tangata whenua and reflect the indigenous foundation upon which Aotearoa New Zealand is build.
- **Appoint** seven Māori Trade Ambassadors in the first three years. The countries we will prioritise are:



1. **Republic of China (includes Hong Kong and Taiwan):** NZ's largest trading partner, our indigenous connections in Taiwan, and opportunities around the refresh of the NZ-China FTA, with the inclusion of greater provision for Indigenous Free Trade Agreement
2. **Japan (to service Korea also):** Ainu-Māori connection, interest from Japan to grow the cultural pillar of the NZ-Japan relationship, and to support the growing interest in Māori businesses in this market.
3. **Malaysia (to service the ASEAN region):** Austronesian linguistic linkages, strong alumni relationships, diplomatic linkages to be harnessed
4. **United Arab Emirates:** with the upcoming World Expo in 2020, a Māori Trade Ambassador in Dubai will be instrumental in forging relationships in the lead up to this event and showcasing our culture to the world. With the many Māori living in the UAE, and shared values with the Bedouin
5. **Canada (to service US also):** Potential to strengthen indigenous-to-indigenous linkages, share policy and learn from one another's' experiences. There is also commercial interest from Māori in Canada.
6. **Australia:** Many Māori live in Australia, and it is important that they have access to a Māori Trade Ambassador to strengthen among other things the indigenous-to-indigenous links
7. **India:** There has been a lot of interest in further trade relationships between Māori and India, and as an emerging economic power with a massive population, a Māori Trade Ambassador is required to harness the existing relationship and strengthen opportunities for Māori



- **Establish** a Te Ao Whānui (International Trade) office and appointing an independent board of Directors to work in partnership with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (MFAT) and support appointed Māori Trade Ambassadors on all matters related to New Zealand's international trade and diplomatic relations. The Minister for Māori Development will be responsible for the appointment of six Te Ao Whānui Directors to the board, made up of three wāhine and three tāne from a diversity of backgrounds.
- **Implement** the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples
- **Activate** a comprehensive Māori Engagement Strategy designed in consultation with whānau, hapū, iwi and hapori Māori to identify the agreed check in points, urgency protocols and a consensus model for recording agreement and dissent.
- **Develop** a kaupapa Māori International Agreement Evaluation framework against which Te Ao Whānui Directors will assess the opportunities, benefits, challenges, issues and disadvantages of proposed international agreements.
- **Require** Māori representation at international trade agreement negotiation rounds alongside MFAT officials.
- **Update** the Treaty of Waitangi Exception Clause in New Zealand's International Trade Agreements with Māori legal experts, drafted in both English and Te reo Māori, with the Māori text given precedence in the event of any disputes



## PASEFIKA

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The Māori Party embraces the whakapapa bonds that unite Maori with all other peoples throughout Te Moana Nui-a-Kiwa. *He kākano i ruia mai i Rangiātea – we are seeds sown in the ancient home of Rangiātea.* Together, Māori and Pacific peoples will advance our political, institutional and legislative aspirations on behalf of all our peoples. Our aspirations centre around fanau and families.

Together with One Pacific, the Māori Party will:

- **Invest** in the establishment of the TaTupu – a cultural, social and economic transformational change kaupapa led by Pacific churches and communities.
- **Establish** 500 new TaTupu navigator positions.
- **Build** a viable Pacific Cultural Centre in Auckland as an employment and economic development centre so Pacific social, cultural and economic efforts can be brought together, harnessed and strengthened.
- **Introduce** a one-off amnesty for Pacific overstayers.
- **Introduce** a climate change refugee category.
- **Reinstate** the parent category and family reunification visas.
- **Support** the portability of national superannuation for Pacific retirees.
- **Reintroduce** low interest housing loans for Pacific families.
- **Establish** 500 Pacific scholarships for Pacific youth and second chance education for Pacific adult, so those who have not been to university or undertaken formal studies, can do so.
- **Establish** 150 paid Pacific youth and adult internships per year as part of a capacity and capability building for Pacific workforce.



- **Double** the numbers of trades training and cadetships placements per year for the next five years for Pacific and Māori.
- **Establish** a Pacific Sporting Agency
- **Restructure** and better resource the Ministry for Pacific Peoples
- **Increase** the numbers of life-saving weight reduction surgeries to 1,000 per year