

He's about to trade 2000km of your coastline for a resource he values more. Maori Party votes.

This is an ad your prime minister doesn't want you to read.

It concerns his plan to trade away New Zealand's foreshore and seabed for Maori Party votes.

Before the end of this summer.

Mr Key's government spin machine is pumping out soothing words and scathing put-downs to hide the truth about the biggest handover of public wealth and power in our history.

All we've got is this ad – and the determination of people like you.

We're the Coastal Coalition, 7000 sand-and-sea-loving Kiwis who refuse to let John Key give away our birthright and split this country in two.

If you want New Zealand to remain a democracy rather than revert to a tribal aristocracy, then for the sake of your children and grandchildren please read on.

Then, and only then, decide who's telling you the truth.

Avert Apartheid Aotearoa

The purpose of National's Marine and Coastal Area (Takutai Moana) Bill is clear. It's to surrender Crown (meaning your) ownership of our beaches and seas, to make them easier for iwi to claim.

Iwi won't even have to go to Court to claim these riches – only as far as Treaty Minister Chris Finlayson's office. The deals will be done in secret. And you'll have no right of appeal.

Once awarded title, the favoured iwi will control vast reserves of mineral wealth and all future development of a massive marine treasure chest.

(This is not about *mana*. It's about *money*.)

If you do nothing, by the end of this summer your country will be well on the way to becoming Apartheid Aotearoa, courtesy of the National Party.

Our Key Questions and Concerns

1. What's at stake? Control of 100,000 square kilometres of foreshore and seabed – everything out to 22km, all the airspace above that, the sea and most of the minerals below.

2. How big an area is that? More than one-third of the land area of New Zealand.

3. What's it worth? Our ironsands alone are worth \$1 trillion. Our seabed minerals include titanium and rare earths. Then there's all future aquaculture. So it's many billions.

4. But why shouldn't iwi get a share of it? They already do, as equal New Zealand citizens. Proceeds from our 'Crown jewels' should be used to buy medicines and education for all Kiwis, not just make the part-Maori tribal aristocracy richer.

5. Who owns the foreshore and seabed now? We all do – and have since 1840.

6. Did we have a 22km limit in 1840? No. Back then the limit was only 5.5km (3 nautical miles). It didn't become 22km (12 nautical miles) until 1977.

7. So even if iwi had owned the seabed from 1840, Key is giving them four times that? Well-spotted.

8. Have Maori always thought they owned it? No. They must have agreed it was owned by the Crown. Otherwise iwi would have included the foreshore and seabed in Treaty claims to the Waitangi Tribunal. None did.

9. Why do iwi think they own it now? Because activist judges in 2003 said they might have a chance.

10. Was that why Helen Clark reaffirmed Crown ownership? Yes. She thought Parliament (our highest court) should secure the coastline for all Kiwis, not just coastal iwi.

11. And John Key wants to surrender Crown ownership? Yes. He wants no-one to own the foreshore and seabed.

12. Why does he want no-one to own it? So we'll all be powerless to object when iwi claim it (since we've just given it away!).

13. Why is he so keen for iwi to get it? To appease his Maori Party allies and their clients the tribal aristocrats – who, as always, will pocket most of the money.

14. How else is he making it easier for iwi to claim the coast? He's radically lowered the qualifying bar, so the floodgates will open.

15. How has he lowered the bar? Under the present law, only iwi who own land next to the foreshore and seabed can make a claim for title. But John Key is waiving that requirement.

16. Don't iwi have to test their claims in Court? They do under the present law. But Key is waiving that requirement too.

17. Why doesn't Key want iwi to go to Court? Because he knows that in an open court most of them won't win.

18. So where will iwi have to prove their claims now? In Chris Finlayson's office. Non-iwi Kiwis will be shut out of this secret 'negotiation.'

19. But wasn't Finlayson Ngai Tahu's lawyer? Yes. And now he's both the Minister for Treaty Settlements and the Attorney-General who approves those settlements!

20. What do iwi want? Customary title to the whole foreshore and seabed. (For starters.)

21. And what is customary title? Effectively it's privatising the coast to iwi.

22. What rights will customary title give iwi? The right to by-pass the Resource Management Act and veto and extract payment for everything that happens on their stretch of coast. The right to develop the area and mine its mineral wealth. The right to all new aquaculture developments. The right to impose iwi resource plans on central and local government.

23. Will iwi get any other kind of title? Yes. *Mana tuku iho* (universal recognition) will be given to all coastal iwi and cover the whole foreshore and seabed.

24. What rights will *mana tuku iho* give iwi? The right to priority treatment by the Department of Conservation in such matters as marine reserves, whale-watching and ferry concessions.

25. What sort of activities could iwi charge for? Just about everything, from boat ramps, moorings, wharves and marinas to aquaculture, mining, oilwells, tourism, pipelines and cables.

26. Are we still guaranteed free access to the beach and sea? No. First Finlayson ducked the question. When pressured, he said public access would be free. But he couldn't show where his bill says that. Why? Because *he'd sneakily left out of it the current ban on charging!*

27. Can iwi deny beach access? Yes. The bill says iwi can bar you from any area the iwi says is *wahi tapu* (sacred). Maori wardens can fine you up to \$5000 for going there.

28. Would iwi really do that? It happens now on beaches they don't even own.

29. Can we challenge a *wahi tapu* we think isn't fair? No. Iwi have sole rights to decide what is sacred. You have no right to object.

30. How much foreshore and seabed will iwi get customary title to? Finlayson says 2000km of coastline. Maori MPs say much more. Key says "no one really knows" – scary.

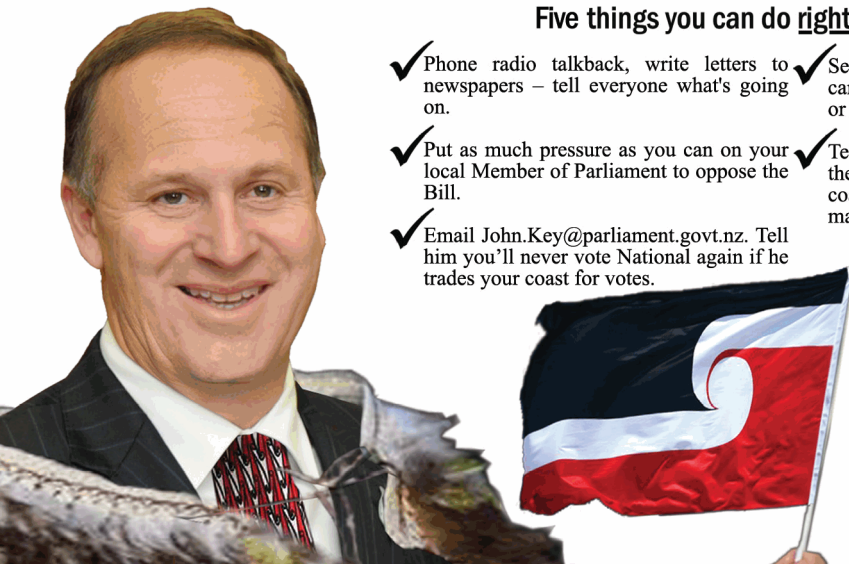
31. Will this satisfy iwi desires? No. Any iwi victory just spawns more claims. The Maori Party say they won't stop until the whole of our 200-mile economic zone is in Maori title.

32. Why did the Maori Affairs Select Committee hear submissions on this Bill when in 2004, Helen Clark thought the issue was of such importance to all New Zealanders that she established a special independent Select Committee of Parliament to deal with it? Good question!

33. What mandate does John Key have to surrender our coast? None at all. His mandate was to abolish the Maori seats, not champion Maori sovereignty. It's a massive betrayal.

Five things you can do right now to stop him.

- ✓ Phone radio talkback, write letters to newspapers – tell everyone what's going on.
- ✓ Put as much pressure as you can on your local Member of Parliament to oppose the Bill.
- ✓ Email John.Key@parliament.govt.nz. Tell him you'll never vote National again if he trades your coast for votes.
- ✓ Send money so we can keep campaigning. Donate using the coupon or online at www.CoastalCoalition.co.nz.
- ✓ Tell your friends what Key is up to. Show them this ad. It's their country and their coast, and their prime minister has no mandate to give it away.



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