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## Maori Party votes.



### **Kiwis like us believe...**

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### **The Maori Party believes...**

*Our foreshore and seabed belongs to Maori.*

They have persuaded John Key to support the *Marine and Coastal Area Bill*, which will start the handover of the coast to corporate iwi - 2000km (a tenth of the coast) is expected to be carved off initially. They say they won't stop until the whole of our 200-mile economic zone is in Maori Title. The Bill gives iwi separate legal powers, rights to develop and mine the coast, veto other users, and ban public access to areas they say are *wahi tapu* (sacred).

### **How this affects you...**

*The PM wants his Bill passed by the end of summer.*

The current law prohibits Maori from charging for access to the coast, but John Key has dropped that from his Bill. Unless it's changed, by the end of summer there will be nothing to stop iwi charging for fishing, swimming, surfing, boating... in Maori-controlled areas. Worse, under the current law iwi have to test their claims in court - but the new Bill waives that in favour of secret backroom deals with Ministers... Non-iwi have no rights of appeal.

### **What you can do...**

*Help the Coastal Coalition defeat the Bill.*

We are a grassroots movement of thousands of sand-and-sea loving Kiwis who refuse to let John Key give away our birthright and split the country in two. We want to ensure the foreshore and seabed stays in Crown ownership for the benefit of *all* New Zealanders:

- Phone radio talkback and write letters to newspapers - tell everyone what's going on...
- Tell your friends - it's their country and their coast and they have a right to know...
- Ask [John.Key@parliament.govt.nz](mailto:John.Key@parliament.govt.nz) to *withdraw* the Bill - he has no mandate for this Bill!

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