

# Fight them on the beaches!

## THREE STEPS YOU CAN TAKE TO HELP STOP JOHN KEY PRIVATISING OUR COASTLINE:

### THE SITUATION

Unless it is withdrawn, John Key's *Marine and Coastal Area Bill* will become law by the end of summer. It will start the carve-up of the coast to corporate iwi. As drafted, the Bill will give iwi separate legal powers including the right to develop and mine the coast, veto other users, charge access to the coast for fishing, boating, surfing and all beach-related activities in Maori-controlled areas, as well as ban the public from places they say are wahi tapu (sacred) – with no rights of appeal and fines of up to \$5,000! Tribal claims for what amounts to the privatisation of billions of dollars worth of public resources will not need to be tested in an open court of law, but will be able to be settled through secret backroom deals with friendly Ministers.

### NO PUBLIC MANDATE

John Key has no mandate for trading 2,000 km (one tenth) of your coast for Maori Party votes. The Maori Party has already said that this Bill to repeal Crown ownership is not enough. They say they won't stop until our whole 200-mile Exclusive Economic Zone is in Maori Title.

### WHAT'S AT STAKE

The Crown owned foreshore and seabed is the common heritage of all New Zealanders as equal citizens. It is a priceless natural resource consisting of 10 million hectares of beach and sea out to the 12 nautical mile limit, all harbours and estuaries, the airspace above and the non-nationalised minerals below. According to Crown Minerals, New Zealand's iron sands reserves alone are worth \$1 trillion. Crown ownership guarantees free and unfettered public access, and ensures that all proceeds from leases and royalties from commercial coastal operations go to local and central government for use in the national interest.

### HELP STOP THE BILL

You can help stop this Bill by putting in a submission to the Select Committee by November 19th.

To mail your submission, send two copies to the:  
Secretariat, Maori Affairs Select Committee  
Parliament Buildings, Wellington.

Or you can make your submission online now, by following the three simple steps below:

**1. Visit** [Parliament's Select Committee website](#)

[CLICK HERE](#)

**2. Navigate** to the online submission form

Navigate to the on-line submission form - Scroll down, enter the verification code (hit 'refresh' if it's hard to read), and click through to the submission form (try pressing Ctrl while you click if you have problems).

**3. Make your submission**

Enter your contact details, [state clearly that you oppose the bill](#) and want it withdrawn, outline your reasons either directly on the form or by uploading a pre-prepared file, and indicate whether you would like to make an oral submission. That's all there is to it!

**SEND IN A SUBMISSION BEFORE NOVEMBER 19 – IT ONLY TAKES A FEW MINUTES!**

The Coastal Coalition is a voluntary group of thousands of Kiwis who refuse to let John Key give away our birthright and split this country in two. Visit our website [www.CoastalCoalition.co.nz](http://www.CoastalCoalition.co.nz) for more information:

1. Download a comprehensive **Briefing Paper** on the Bill and read more ideas on preparing submissions.
2. Support our public information campaign **here** - we need to tell everyone what's going on.
3. Sign up to become a Coastal Coalition volunteer and help us defeat this disastrous bill.

**PLEASE FORWARD THIS TO EVERYONE WHO CARES**

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