



ARE YOU READY TO GIVE UP WATER?

Yes, it's really come to this.

While you've been debating whether or not to give up your flag, your government's been preparing to give up control of your drinking water.

On Waitangi Day, iwi leaders issued an ultimatum to the government to surrender control of the nation's fresh water to Maori tribes within a year.

And believe it or not, your government is complying!

Co-governance. No comeback.

In April, the government met with iwi leaders to work out how to manage the surrender.

Together, they decided to hand over control of fresh water to iwi at regional council level. Catchment by catchment. Council by council.

Those regional councils and unitary authorities will then appoint unelected iwi representatives, and give them voting rights to control water.

Iwi want priority rights to water in perpetuity.

Memorandum says Iwi trumps Kiwi.

It gets worse.

While iwi leaders have been busy consulting their people about the plan, your government's been hiding it from you. Their trick: to let councils sneak

iwi water control clauses into complex fresh water management plans.

In August, Local Government New Zealand agreed in a Memorandum of Understanding with the Iwi Chairs Forum that they "acknowledge the mana and kaitiakitanga status of iwi *over the nation's land and natural resources*".

Is that fine with you?

How can this be happening?

Since 2008, the Maori Party, supported by 1% of New Zealanders, has effectively held the balance of power in Parliament. And with it, the power to demand 50% co-governance of our natural resources.

And what has been your government's response to this outrageous assault on the democratic rights of all New Zealanders?

Appeasement.

Five ways to fight back.

1. Get the full details (yes, there's more) by visiting www.nzcpr.com.
2. Phone or write to your local MP, government MPs, opposition MPs and the Prime Minister. Tell them: "You don't have my permission to give away my water!" Ask them: "If it's OK to have a binding

referendum on which flag we fly, why can't we vote on who controls the water we drink?" Then ask: "Where do *you* stand?"

3. Do the same with your regional councillors. They're the ones who are voting to give unelected iwi the power to control your water. Demand a local referendum to get ratepayers' approval before doing such deals.

4. Tell your family and friends to do the same – in person, by email and on Facebook and Twitter. Show them this ad.

5. Ads like this cost big money – donate so we can run more.

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