

SHOULD ONE RACE CONTROL NEW ZEALAND'S FRESH WATER?

Most New Zealanders are deeply committed to *equality*.
It's at the core of what Kiwis value.

THERE IS MORE TO KIWI THAN IWI...

That's why most Kiwis would be horrified if they knew that National is planning to give away control of our lakes and rivers to iwi.

It's why we're publishing this ad – to let everyone know the Government is now consulting over the future of fresh water and you need to let them know what you think...

WHAT'S NATIONAL DOING?

While every other Government in our history has rejected tribal claims to water, National now says that iwi have 'rights' and 'interests' in water. This is from a party that once campaigned on a platform of equality.

But they haven't told us what are those rights and interests are. Are they basing their radical position on the Waitangi Tribunal's 2012 finding that Maori rights and interests in water are akin to 'ownership' - because water is used for food, trade, and travel, in rituals, waiata, and legends of taniwha?

NEW ZEALAND LAW IS CLEAR...

Fresh water, like rain, is owned by no-one, irrespective of who owns the land over which the water flows. National MPs are playing with words when they say they are not giving away ownership - control of decision-making in perpetuity is ownership in all but name.

The simple fact is that giving control of water to iwi was part of a deal National did with tribal leaders in 2012 to appease their opposition to the partial privatisation of State-owned power companies. That's why they have turned a blind eye to the fundamental democratic issue of equality.

We think it's only a matter of time before iwi demand a royalty every time a tap is turned on.

PASSING THE BUCK

What's worse, to avoid direct responsibility for this race-based giveaway, the job of dealing with tribal demands for water will be passed on to *local authorities*, which are ill-equipped to challenge the legitimacy of such claims.

THERE WILL BE NO END

If Maori leaders gain control of New Zealand's fresh water, it will be forever. By remaining silent you will be allowing this to happen and it will be future generations that pay the price.

KIWIS MUST ACT...NOW!

If you believe that no one race should have preferential rights to New Zealand's water, **you MUST send in a submission** telling the government you oppose separate race-based control over fresh water. **People power is the only way this will be stopped.**

For more information visit NZCPR.com

FIVE WAYS TO SAY 'NO' TO GIVING AWAY YOUR WATER RIGHTS

1. **Send in a submission** before 5pm April 22 to watersubmissions@mfe.govt.nz opposing all provisions giving separate rights based on race. It doesn't need to be long or complicated. Full details are at: www.mfe.govt.nz/consultation/next-steps-fresh-water.
2. **Tell the Prime Minister and Government MPs** how you feel about the race-based control of fresh water. Phone or write – or better still, meet and tell them face to face. *Email addresses can be found at NZCPR.com*
3. **Do the same with regional councillors.** Ask them to take a stand against the Government's plan for tribal control of fresh water.
4. **Tell your family and friends** to do the same – in person, by email, through social media. Show them this ad.
5. **Adverts like this cost serious money** – donate so we can run more.

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