

# HE PUAPUA AND THREE WATERS

He Puapua is a report commissioned by the Labour Party in 2019. It was deliberately hidden from their then coalition partner New Zealand First and not released until after the 2020 election campaign.

Labour says He Puapua is required for New Zealand to meet its commitment to the United Nations Declaration of Rights of Indigenous Peoples. In reality, it's a road-map for Maori co-governance by 2040, the 200-year anniversary of the signing of the Treaty of Waitangi.

Labour has already put He Puapua into effect in many areas of government, but now they are doing so for drinking water, wastewater and stormwater. These are called the Three Waters.

At the moment these water services are provided by the 67 local councils around New Zealand. The government wants to take these assets and transfer them to one of four mega-water entities, government by a 12-member board.

Six members of the board will be allocated to local iwi. The other six will be shared by up to 22 councils. So iwi will have 50% of the say, and contribute 0% of the assets, but they will have control because the governing board must have a 75% super-majority to make a decision.

Here are other examples where He Puapua has already been embedded into central and local government.

## Media & Maori language

To qualify for a share of the \$55 million Public Interest Journalism Fund, the media must support the government's "partnership" narrative and underpins He Puapua. How can they accept that money and remain independent?

Maori language and culture is being forced onto government departments and local authorities. That's why the Transport Ministry is now called Te Manatū Waka and every letter you receive from a council or government department ends with Ngā mihi nui.

The Prime Minister says we don't need to have a referendum on changing New Zealand's name, because they are going to call it Aotearoa anyway.

## Government and Justice

All government departments/agencies must now buy at least 5% of goods and services from Maori businesses.

A Maori Court system is being planned where offenders with a Maori ancestor will be treated differently.

The common law basis of our justice system is being displaced by "tikanga" (Maori custom and practices). Justice Churchman's decision in May 2021 on Maori claims to the foreshore and seabed gave tikanga precedence over English common law when he granted Maori Customary Title.

## Health

A separate Maori-only health authority is being formed and fully funded by the taxpayer, to segregate our health system by race. It will have veto rights over the entire health system. Maori will be given priority treatment. Is that fair?

## Dept of Conservation Land

The Department of Conservation has now formed an Options Development Group that has recommended control and governance of DoC be given to Maori.

Documents have emerged showing a plan to transfer the ownership and control of the entire Conservation Estate to tribal authorities. This is about 30% of New Zealand's total land area!

## Education

Labour has made NZ history compulsory and rewritten the curriculum to portray a Maori world view interpretation that is different than what was observed and recorded by early Europeans.

## Local Government

Labour has abolished the right of local communities to hold a binding referendum on Maori seats on councils.

Local Government Minister Mahuta is now undertaking a review that is likely to lead to 50% of council seats being reserved for Maori.

Maori land that it not generating an income is exempt from paying rates.

This is He Puapua.

## HERE'S WHAT YOU CAN DO

Make others aware about He Puapua and Labour's Partnership Project.

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