

HE AHATE MEA NUI? HE TANGATA, HE TANGATA, HE TANGATA
 WHAT IS THE MOST IMPORTANT THING? IT IS PEOPLE, IT IS PEOPLE, IT IS PEOPLE.



OUR ASPIRATIONS

Constitutional Courage ~ Constitutional Change

What is the New Zealand Constitution?

- A Constitution outlines the principals of government for a particular country. It may outline powers, limitations and structure of government as well as key principles or values.
- New Zealand has an unwritten constitution which is made up of a number of pieces of legislation, legal documents and common law including Te Tiriti o Waitangi (1840), Maori Representation Act (1867), The Constitution Act (1986), Bill of Rights Act (1990), Human Rights Act (1993), Electoral Act (1993) and others.

Why has this Constitutional Review come about?

- The Constitutional Review has come about as a result of a commitment by both the Maori Party and the National Party in their 2008 Relationship and Confidence and Supply Agreement to consider issues relating to Maori representation and Maori electoral seats.
- The Maori Party believe that a constitutional review will open the door for dialogue and discussion on issues such as the place of the Treaty of Waitangi in our constitution, Maori electoral representation and others.
- The ultimate goal for the Maori Party is to ensure that the Treaty of Waitangi is given proper recognition and that Constitutional arrangements in New Zealand allow for full engagement and participation by tangata whenua.

What do the Maori Party hope to achieve?

- The establishment of a constitutional review aimed at drafting arrangements that give effect to the Treaty of Waitangi and identify issues around Maori electoral participation and representation.
- A review of electoral processes such as the Maori electoral option, Maori electoral districts, and the Maori seats, towards identifying means of ensuring that tangata whenua are fairly and adequately represented.
- To gain further insight and understanding of constitutional issues that affect Maori.

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