



Hui Reflections

Māori Representation Hui 2015



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Co-Leader Māori Party

- \$26M flag debate; a symbol of our colonisation not our liberation
- Current design has kāwanatanga not tino rangatiratanga. Need to have tino rangatiratanga reflected in the flag's design.
- Fear that the colonisers will be colonised



Māori Representation: What's all the fuss about?

Joris De Bres

- Spoke about his hardwork on the floor.
Really difficult to identify the benefits.
- Demonstrated there is no good rationale for excluding Māori representation only poor emotional rationale
- Spoke about effecting change at regional Council level and not wasting our time at district Council level



Reflecting on the New Plymouth Experience

Mayor Andrew Judd & Colleen Tuuta

- ▶ Colleen said she would have the last word and we need to recognise that it is the same for Māori, we will not give up.
- ▶ Colleen: Andrew took it to the Council and the journey began.
- ▶ No doubt Andrew Judd is a fresh voice with a determination to “bring in Māori”
- ▶ Voting of 50/50, needs to be percentage of the Māori voters and percentage of the other voters – should be 50%plus of each for decisions to be made



Local Government NZ – An overview of Māori and Local Government

Mike Reid


- ▶ Support local governments to fulfil their obligations and to engage with their citizens
- ▶ Local Government Act 2002 places obligation on Council “to facilitate participation of Māori in local government decision-making”
 - ▶ Citizenship
 - ▶ Resource Management Act
- ▶ Representation surveys of Councils
 - ▶ 1998 saw 5.5% of Councillors & Mayors identified as Māori or had Māori heritage; 93% European; 1.5% other ethnicities (response rate 79%)
 - ▶ 2001 saw 5.3% Māori, 92% European; 2.5% other ethnicities (response rate 84%)
 - ▶ 2010 saw 7.4% Māori, 90.46% European; 2.1% others (response rate 47.2%)



Māori Communities and Local Government in Practice

Tipa Mahuta, Pirihiira Tukapua, Doug Leeder, Des Ratima

- ▶ Doug Leeder; Bay of Plenty
 - ▶ Value of Māori seats
 - ▶ Māori engagement/relationship
- ▶ Tipa Mahuta; Waikato Regional Council
 - ▶ Engagement driven by settlement process
 - ▶ “Being part of local government is not enough, leading regional government is the place to be!”
- ▶ Piri-Hira Tukapua; Horowhenua District Council
 - ▶ Have a strategy to get elected
 - ▶ Get rangatahi engaged
- ▶ Des Ratima; Mare of Whakatu
 - ▶ Communities and whānau are the building blocks
 - ▶ How will I change someone's life today?




Maata Waka Relationships & Realities

➤ VERONICA TAWHAI: Rāwaho – Taura Here

- Concern for the environment (waste disposal, beaches)
- Confusion around where we engage (at home/locally)
- Lack of confidence in local government processes
- “Leave it to the tangata whenua”, be supportive of them
- Build relationships/communications between mana whenua and tautangata Māori

➤ TEANAU TUIONO: The role of activism

- Auckland Harbour Bridge – Māori flag for Waitangi Day
- Be creative in engaging with communities
- UNESCO Indigenous knowledge and environment
- Balance: Survival now and providing for the future



Iwi, Urban Māori & NZMC – Can we work together?

Haami Piripi, Rangikaheke Bidois,
Pahia Turia, Owen Lloyd

HAAMI PIRIPI, TE RARAWA CHAIRMAN

- Can we work together? “Why wouldn’t we?”
- Focus on community wellbeing
- NZMC has a Ture – it’s a rock and we should not give it away
- Iwi Leaders & NZMC not miles apart in our aspirations though there are some areas whether we differ i.e. water



RANGIKAHEKE BIDOIS, Te Arawa Representation model


- Ngāti Rangawewehi water, NZMC legislation provided the way through
- Five Iwi appointments to various local government structures and committees
- Young people participated in submissions
- Would not have been able to achieve what I have if I had been successful as a district council candidate

PAHIA TURIA, Iwi Chairs

- Can we work together? Absolutely so!
- At Ratana, we have 3rd & 4th generation Rāwaho – not just another “interest group”
- Don’t want to be a billion dollar Iwi if we’ve got hungry kids!
- We must learn to work together and progress things forward



OWEN LLOYD, Tairawhiti

- ▶ The boss of the tribe is the people, I'm just a slave. Part of NZMC, part of Iwi leadership, part of many other rōpū too
 - ▶ Go to the people and work with them; use the resources and they will own the mahi.
 - ▶ Role of Tairawhiti is to “facilitate, lead and follow”
 - ▶ E kore au i ngaro, he kākano i ruia mai i Rangīātea
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Hui reflections

1. NZMC should consider the joint recognition of tino rangatiratanga and kāwanatanga
 2. NZMC should prepare a flag proposal that will express Te Tiriti o Waitangi, with each of these exhibited in the flag
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