

HOW TO HAVE YOUR SAY ON THE TREATY PRINCIPLES BILL



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SUBMISSIONS ARE NOW OPEN

- The Treaty Principles Bill passed its first reading in Parliament and is now with the Justice Select Committee. This is your opportunity to influence the process.
- The Select Committee has called for submissions on the Government's Treaty Principles Bill. Submissions close at 11:59pm on 7 January 2025.
- Making a submission is easy. You can do this online, using Parliament's website, or via post.
- Your voice matters. This process is your chance to protect Te Tiriti o Waitangi.



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WHO CAN SUBMIT?

- **Hint: Anyone!**
- Anybody can make a submission on a Bill.
 - You do not have to be over the age of 18 to make a submission.
 - You can also submit as part of an organisation or on behalf of a group, who you are authorised to represent.
- People living overseas, whether they are a citizen of New Zealand or not, can make a submission on a Bill.



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WHAT DO I INCLUDE?

- Making a submission on a Bill is nothing to be afraid of. What it boils down to is you telling the Select Committee what you think of the Bill.
- You don't need to go through each piece of the Bill – you can just speak to your key points, which might include:
 - Why Te Tiriti o Waitangi is important to Aotearoa
 - What Te Tiriti means to you
 - What you want the Select Committee to do



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WHAT DO I NEED TO KNOW?

- Avoid swearing or personal attacks to ensure your submission is accepted.
- Your submission will be publicly available on the Parliament website, so avoid including private information unless necessary.
- You can choose to speak to your submission – either in person, or online. If you agree to speak to your submission, this is a powerful way to bring your perspective to life.



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HOW DO I SUBMIT?

1. Go to Google and search for “Treaty Principles Bill New Zealand Parliament Submissions”
2. Click onto the Parliament website and scroll down to “I am ready to make a submission”
3. Answer the required fields and make your submission.
4. Make sure you read over your submission, sign it off with your name, and click to submit!



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WHY ARE PEOPLE OBJECTING?

- People are objecting to the Treaty Principles Bill for a range of reasons, but many include:
 - The Treaty is an agreement between the Crown and Māori – it cannot be varied by one party alone.
 - The Bill removes rights that are afforded to Māori under the Treaty.
 - The Bill focuses on “equality”, rather than “equity” – entrenching the impacts of colonisation on our people.
 - The Bill itself breaches the Treaty, as Māori have not been consulted on its design.



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SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- You can keep it simple: state your opposition to the Bill.
- You might choose to provide context about who you are and why you're submitting.
- Write as much or as little as you like. There is no right or wrong submission – this is your opportunity to have your say.
- Duplicate (identical) submissions are not encouraged, but will be “counted”.



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FINAL TIPS FOR SUBMISSIONS

- Clearly state your position: "I do not support the Treaty Principles Bill".
- Encourage whānau and friends to submit – it's a numbers game!
- You have the power to stand up for Māori rights and Te Tiriti o Waitangi—use it!



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