



Treaty Principles Bill Submission Guide

As educators, we have worked hard over many years to understand and enact practices that give life to Te Tiriti o Waitangi.

This guide will tautoko you to make a submission to the select committee on the Treaty Principles Bill. This is your chance to uphold the mana of Te Tiriti o Waitangi and show your support as an educator, a community leader, and an advocate for future generations.

Haere mai te tini me te mano! It is important that as many people as possible have their say on this divisive Bill to show our opposition to redefining Te Tiriti o Waitangi. You can submit as an individual or as a group.

Submissions will close on Tuesday 7 January.

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Te Huarahi Māori Motuhake (THMM), the national Māori governing body of the Post Primary Teachers' Association, PPTA Te Wehengarua, are united in our opposition to the Treaty Principles Bill. We share the view that the Bill is based upon 'a disingenuous historical narrative that distorts the language of Te Tiriti and undermines social progress and cohesion.

The principles of Te Tiriti o Waitangi provide a mechanism to address Treaty breaches and improve relations between the Crown and iwi and hapū and should not be used to alter the intent of Te Tiriti o Waitangi. Tampering with these principles is a regression of the last 50 years of positive movement forward for Te Tiriti relations. Tangata whenua, educationalists and tangata Tiriti have worked hard over many years to understand and enact practices that give life to Te Tiriti o Waitangi, and we want to ensure this hard work is not wasted. We oppose any actions that deliberately undermine the status of tangata whenua and relinquish the Crown's obligation to uphold Te Tiriti o Waitangi.

The Treaty Principles Bill looks to define three new principles based on the articles of the Treaty of Waitangi. There specific issues with these proposed principles are detailed in our [Member Guide to Toitū Te Tiriti](#).



Tuhinga o te tuku kōrero

Suggested Writing Structure

Ko wai au? | *Who are you?*

Begin your submission by introducing yourself. If you are writing an individual submission, kei te pai. Consider sharing a bit of your background and any information you think may be relevant. All submissions are published on the Parliament website, so any information you provide will be made publicly available.

If you are writing on behalf of your PPTA branch, include the branch name and the number of members.

He pātai tāku... | *We ask...*

Me kōrero totika. Begin by identifying what you want the select committee to do. This could be to abolish the bill, to stop the bill from going any further or make a national statement that the Treaty Principles Bill has been rejected.

You can have multiple asks. Use bullet points and keep them short and succinct – just one or two sentences.

Pitopito kōrero | *The details*

- Provide background information and details for each “ask” or recommendation.
- Separate each ask as its own paragraph or section.
- Explain and provide evidence to support each ask, giving your reasoning. This could draw from your professional experience, and/or from reports and research from other sources.
- Ensure your language is factual and professional.

He aha te mea nui i tēnei kaupapa? | *What is at stake?*

End your submission with a statement about what is at stake from this bill. What is the biggest threat that this bill has for you, your whānau, iwi and Aotearoa whānui?

Make it personal- how does this bill affect you? Consider this as a Kaiako and cultural provider for your ākonga. Consider how this might affect how you meet your Te Tiriti Teaching Standard requirements.



He aha inaianei? *What now?*

Toitū Te Tiriti doesn't start or end at the Select Committee. Your written submission is a conversation starter and an organising tool. There are things that you can do to make sure that the message is also heard in our communities to create kotahitanga.

Pātai atu ki te kōrero a waha ki a rātou e pā ana ki te tuku kōrero

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Make an oral submission. When making your submission, you can opt in to make an oral submission. This means you would make address the select committee directly.

You will be contacted by the select committee as to how this will happen (e.g. online or in person).

Whakawhiti kōrero ā iwi, hāpori, whānau

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Talk about your submission in your community! Connect with your iwi and community to discuss your response to the Treaty Principles Bill. Share your submission with your iwi and with your local school community.

You should also share your submission with your local Kaitōrangapū MP. You can find your local MP's contact details [here](#).

Kōrerotia te Kaupapa ki a rātou mā.

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It is important to keep lines for conversations open, especially friends and whanau who may be influenced by mis-information. Resources like this [Te Tiriti Conversations Guide](#) can help you to navigate conversations, because it is important to share your experience and accurate information about Te Tiriti.

Activate members of your kura - if everyone who makes a submission talks to 5 people about it, we are spreading awareness and encouraging others to follow suit! Share this guide with them to make their own submission.



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