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RESOLUTIONS FROM

7th NATIONAL NON-MAORI ANTI-RACISM AND TREATY WORKERS' GATHERING

HELD AT TAURIKURA, WHANGAREI HEADS, 3 - 6 FEBRUARY 1995

WE THE PARTICIPANTS OF THE 7TH NATIONAL NON-MAORI ANTI-RACISM AND TREATY WORKERS' GATHERING: recognising that Te Tiriti O Waitangi is an affirmation of Maori sovereignty as declared in the Declaration of Independence, 1835 -

- 1 Acknowledge that Te Tiriti O Waitangi is an on-going covenant between the Crown and Iwi/Hapu and insist that it be the basis for our constitutional relationship.
- 2 We unanimously reject the "Crown Proposals for the Settlement of Treaty of Waitangi Claims", including the Fiscal Envelope. It is the Crown's obligation to honour Te Tiriti O Waitangi, not to extinguish Maori Tiriti rights and non-Maori responsibilities.
- 3 A just Tiriti O Waitangi settlement process must be based on the Tino Rangatiratanga of Iwi/Hapu and the Kawanatanga responsibilities of the Crown. We call on the Crown to respond to and act upon Iwi/Hapu Tiriti O Waitangi settlement processes and proposals.
- 4 We will expose every avenue used by the Crown to divest itself of its Tiriti O Waitangi obligations. We insist that Local Authorities and State Owned Enterprises are Crown agencies and must operate in accordance with and honour the Tiriti.
- 5 We call for an immediate moratorium on all sales of Crown, Local Authority and State Owned Enterprise land. There is no surplus Crown land in Aotearoa. All such land needs to be available for settlements.
- 6 Natural resources, the Conservation Estate and privately owned land must be available for Tiriti O Waitangi settlements.
- 7 We call for full implementation of all existing Waitangi Tribunal recommendations which are acceptable to the claimants.
- 8 We insist all Iwi/Hapu be fully resourced/reimbursed by the Crown to research and present Tiriti O Waitangi claims.
- 9 We insist that each Tiriti claim be investigated and settled on its own merits and as it arises.
- 10 We insist that settlements reached are adhered to by the Crown and regularly monitored so that they are not undermined by subsequent government policies.

The meeting resolves to publicise the negative effects of the "Crown Proposals for the Settlement of Treaty of Waitangi Claims" on present and future generations of all who live in Aotearoa.

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