## Fed up with the Maorificatio of Everything

Before you jump to conclusions, ACT supports the Treaty of Waitangi – including Article III, which makes it clear that all New Zealanders have the same rights.

Maori culture is an important part of New Zealand culture. But there's no excuse for the Key Government betraying Article III to give iwi a favoured position in every aspect of New Zealand life.

(A status which does nothing for ordinary Maori, who remain among our poorest people.)

Under a string of weak governments, New Zealand has been slowly morphing into a state where those who are Maori have more rights than those who are not.

Under the Key National Government, that morphing is speeding up. Even though they have

no need to appease the Maori Party, these are just some of the ways they have done so:

- Broken their promise to scrap the race-based Maori seats.
- Surrendered ownership of our coastal riches to allow the Maori Party's mates to claim them.
- Ratified the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples that provides for separate development for Maori – paid for by all New Zealanders. (Even Labour wouldn't go there.)
- Foisted on Aucklanders an unelected Maori Advisory Board that advocates for taniwha.
- Forced upon the people of Wanganui a spelling of their city's name that they'd loudly rejected.
- Lumbered the Environmental Protection Agency with a Maori Advisory Committee.

- Kept the crippling RMA conditions that force many of us to 'bribe the tribe' to develop our own land.
- Proposed to ban us from clearing native scrub on our own land.

## Add to these:

- The Waitangi Tribunal recommending that tangata whenua be able to veto decisions about New Zealand's flora and fauna.
- Wellington City Council giving Maori special status to manage the Town Belt.
- The Mana Party's desire for a separate Maori Parliament.
- The Maori Party's plan to force all teachers to learn Maori.
- The Maori Party's desire for a highly Maorified constitution.

Question: if John Key could give away so much to Tariana Turia and Pita Sharples when he didn't need Maori votes, how much more of our country will he hand to Hone Harawira when he does?

The Treaty of Waitangi granted the rights of British subjects to all New Zealanders, Maori and non-Maori.

That's the way New Zealanders want it – including most Maori.

There's a tragic irony about the Maorification policy favoured by National, Labour, the Greens, and the Maori and Mana parties.

And that is this. It doesn't help Maori one bit.

When Sir Apirana Ngata urged Maori to help themselves, he was not referring to other people's money in the form of welfare cheques, endless Treaty compensation, or your favourite beach.

There's only one party that embraces the vision of that great Maori leader – a man Reserve Bank Governor Don Brash so admired that he put his face on our \$50 note.

That party is the one Don now leads: ACT.

Only ACT has policies to tackle the root causes of high Maori unemployment and crime.

Only ACT's education and economic policies will give Maori trapped in poverty and illiteracy the means to raise themselves up and enjoy a better life.

Whatever you've been led to believe about Don and ACT, the proof is in the policies. Ours prove that we care more about ordinary Maori than the Maori Party, Mana Party, National, Labour and Green parties put together.

Now is the time to draw a line in the sand. (While we've still got access to the beach.)

Only one thing can stop the continued Maorification of New Zealand.

And that's a strong ACT.



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