



# United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples



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## What is the Declaration?

**The Declaration sets out the rights of Indigenous peoples** and was adopted by the General Assembly of the United Nations in 2007. It includes a broad range of rights and freedoms, including the right of self-determination, culture and identity, and rights to education, economic development, religious customs, health and language.

**New Zealand is committed to improving Māori outcomes** and is developing a Declaration plan to measure our progress in addressing Indigenous rights and interests.

## Why is this kaupapa so important?

### A Declaration plan for Aotearoa will:

- ◆ **Contribute to strengthening tino rangatiratanga** and improving Māori wellbeing by affirming their rights, including the right of self-determination, as the Indigenous peoples of New Zealand
- ◆ Assist the Government with **realising Te Tiriti o Waitangi** and strengthening Māori-Crown relations as part of the Government's priority to lay foundations for the future, especially in the COVID-19 recovery
- ◆ Enhance New Zealand's reputation internationally by recognising our **commitment to advocate for the rights and interests of Indigenous peoples**
- ◆ **Benefit all New Zealanders.**

## What are the Declaration's key themes?



Self-determination



Equality and non-discrimination



Lands, territories and resources



Participation in government



Social, cultural and economic wellbeing

## How to get involved



Visit [tpk.nz/undrip](https://tpk.nz/undrip)



Attend a workshop



Email the UN Declaration Team  
[UND RIP@hrc.co.nz](mailto:UND RIP@hrc.co.nz)



Send in a written submission

## What are the key timeframes in New Zealand?

**September 2021 – early February 2022**

Implementation of targeted engagement strategy

**March 2022**

Report to Cabinet on targeted engagement feedback and seek approval of process for drafting Declaration plan

**March – May 2022**

Draft the Declaration plan

**June 2022**

Cabinet approval of draft Declaration plan and proposal for wider public consultation

**July – September 2022**

Public consultation

**Early December 2022**

Cabinet approval of final Declaration plan

**Late December 2022**

Release Declaration plan