



# Tāngata Tuatahi

**First People's  
Policy Highlights  
2020 Election**

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# If Māori do well, New Zealand does well!

Post lockdown the world has changed. Māori need to quickly respond and a new breed of innovative Māori is required to navigate these uncertain waters. A new approach, to a new Māori, for a new future. A new waka is also necessary for such a journey. This moment in history presents us all with an opportunity to reset the future for Māori and chart a better course for our tamariki. Here are a few highlights from our policy for Tāngata Tuatahi (First Peoples).

## Whakamana Hapū (Empowering Hapū)

**Vision New Zealand is committed to building better Māori whānau for the future.** We would like to revive and reinvigorate the concept of hapū. We believe if we empower the hapū, we can change this nation! Everything stems from the home and hapū. When you have a healthy home, held up and supported by healthy hapū, no other institution can come close to competing with this. Before the implementation of western systems of government our Tupuna were tribal and moved in hapū with the leadership of Rangatira. Rangatira were distinguished representatives of the hapū. They had the wellbeing and the protection of their people at heart, and the people had a heart of honour and respect for their rangatira – their kaitiaki.



In the days pre-ceeding Te Tiriti o Waitangi the movements of Te Whakaminenga and He Whakaputanga were representations of the tribal model of hapū function at its best. Rangatira from around the motu worked collaboratively and in cooperation with each other to make decisions that they intended would protect our people and enhance our mana as hapū & whānau. Vision NZ is committed to reviving this model as the first step in providing that rongoā to begin to fight back the tsunami of negative statistics and outcomes that plague our first peoples.

In Aotearoa, sadly we witness too many negative statistics that are a reflection of struggling, broken homes. Our people are often genuine in their search for answers and assistance, but despite all of the government funding for Māori, hapū have been disempowered, and help is not always reaching our homes where it is needed the most.

Highly successful programmes like the Tū Tāngata programmes are proven to transform and empower hapū! Thousands upon thousands of whānau have been assisted over recent years through Tū Tāngata. Tū Tāngata o Te Iwi Tapu is a complimentary hapū, it does not substitute existing iwi or hapū from across the rohe. TTT has members from all across Aotearoa who have overcome obvious difficulties from their pasts to now being successful Māori (many in business), providing a transformational community (whakamana hapū). As in Tikanga Māori, we find more is caught than taught. However, the availability of these programmes is currently limited by funding and full-time personnel. These programmes to date have been self-funded and self-sustaining, and rather than this being a setback, it has been a setup, reinforcing that by Māori, for Māori is always the better model. These programmes include:

- Tū Tane (ManUp)
- Tū Wahine (Legacy)
- Tū Taiohi (Youth Nation)

Vision New Zealand would like to make these programmes more widely available to hapū. These Tū Tāngata programmes get right to the heart of the issues within individuals. Too many people are held back in life due to past hurts and dysfunctions, and they need to find a place of deep internal healing, so that they can move on to create healthy homes and generational stability.

Every home should be a safe place for our tamariki to flourish in. Home is the first place of formation (socially, mentally, spiritually and economically). Underpinning the home, the wider hapū can also be empowered through these Tū Tāngata programmes to provide a loving, caring, healthy and whole environment for everyone to flourish in and become their full potential. In Māori-lore this is really a true return to the principles of hapū, marae and rangitira in a modern world.

Heal  
the Heart

Heal the  
Home & Hapū

Heal Everything

In Aotearoa, fatherlessness is a concerning and growing problem in many homes, with almost half of our homes having an absent father, with many sad consequences. When prisoners were recently asked whether they would like to send a Christmas card to their mothers and fathers, 93% wanted to send a card to their mother, only 8-9% wanted to send one to their fathers. Which proves fatherlessness is a far deeper problem than we realise. Very little is done these days to empower men, even though they often are behind many of our worst statistics including high male suicide rates, high domestic violence offences, high incarceration rates, high levels of drug and alcohol abuse, high levels of anger management issues, large numbers of sexual offences, high levels of criminal activity and gang affiliations, poor health, low life expectancy....and the list goes on. Recent reports also show that escalating racism tensions globally have a strong link to fatherlessness in many homes. So why are we not doing more to assist our Tāne?

Vision New Zealand will ensure that our Tāne are empowered and equipped to become better fathers, husbands, and contributors within our hapū and communities. We believe within most hapū there is rangitira that can arise to lead their hapū in a healthy and effective way, especially once they are offered some additional support, resources and had their mana restored through Tū Tāngata. We believe the whānau is the cornerstone of any healthy nation. Whether individuals win or loose in life, it starts in the whare!

### **Vision New Zealand will ensure:**

- We give Oranga Tamariki an overhaul so all care and protection notifications come to the hapū in the first instance, allowing them time and adequate resources to take appropriate action and avoid unnecessary and traumatic child uplifts at the hands of the State
- We fully fund the highly successful Tū Tāngata programmes so many hapū can access these services
- We introduce a new Minister for Men within parliament that supports and empowers Tāne
- We empower parents, not politicians, and we strengthen hapū connections

## **Hapū rangatiratanga**

**Hapū sovereignty over Iwi control!** Hapū rangatiratanga allows us the right to exercise authority over our hapū affairs. We believe hapū is more whānau-oriented and relational, whereas Iwi is more commercial. This is not to take away from the function of Iwi or the vital role they have to contribute to the ongoing success of our people. It's unfair to ask Iwi to manage relational, whānau affairs while trying to manage the commercial and business side of Māori.

**Let Māori be masters of their own destiny,** and not held back by history.

Tino rangatiratanga – self-empowerment, self-determination, self-sustaining - for all Māori. Māori today should not be held back or judged based on past incidents, historic stigma and institutional racism. Let's wipe the slate clean, and reset the nation's approach towards Māori. Māori need to be treated as the special taonga that they are. There should be less state control and dependency. We need to empower the individual and disempower the state. Previous governments have tried to ensure Māori depend on them, so they can control them. We want to allow Māori to finally break free from that bondage and have the independence and freedom to express their creativity and full potential.

**Return Kaitiakitanga to Māori.** We want to see Māori returned to their rightful place as Kaitiaki of all land, water and natural resources. There is to be no more foreign ownership of land, water and natural resources.

### **Vision New Zealand will ensure:**

- We will fight to see government funding directly allocated to Hapū, not Iwi or Māori departments within government agencies where it has difficulty making its way down to hapū
- Establish a directory of hapū across all of Aotearoa, so government funding can be quickly directed accordingly
- Kiwi land is in Kiwi hands – all foreign ownership of land to be returned to Māori. All Crown owned land to be returned to Māori.
- All water rights to be returned to Māori
- Te Tiriti o Waitangi is honoured, and becomes a new constitution for all of Aotearoa.

## **Māori development and innovation**

It is time to return mana to our people with mana enhancing policies. For too long Māori have experienced inequality within our economy. We believe in the power of a Māori economy, that is by Māori, for Māori. Many westernised systems are not hapū focused, instead they centre around only individuals and small families. It does not serve Māori very well.

It is time for Māori unemployment to come down!  
It is time for Māori household incomes to go up!

The low socio economic deprivation and generational poverty within Māori has crushed the entrepreneurial and creative spirit that is within all Māori, tying them up into dependency and we do not do well through the colonial economy. Therefore we must create better opportunities to ignite Māori innovation and business.

The time is right now for a new Māori owned bank to arise, one that can provide effective competition and disruption to the four major banks that are all Australian-owned. Let's keep Iwi money, in Iwi hands, not in Australian hands. Through our bank we will increase the levels of home ownership amongst Māori. We will free up funding that supports Māori small business development and Māori enterprise and innovation.

### **Vision New Zealand will ensure:**

- We establish a new Māori owned bank, that the Crown resources with the necessary start-up capital. It's the very least our Treaty partner can do.



- Our Māori owned bank will provide 0% interest rates to Māori for first time home buyers, business start-up loans, and business innovation and expansion loans
- Our Māori owned bank has the ability to easily finance hapū home ownership structures with multiple individuals being landowners, including homes being built on Māori land. We will adopt a kaupapa Māori approach to all lending.
- Our Māori owned bank will provide opportunity for Iwi involvement and investment

## Reinvigorating Waiariki

Building on the above policy highlights, Vision New Zealand will specifically invest a lot of their time and resource into advocating for the Waiariki people. The Waiariki region has experienced multiple challenges across the whole region in recent times and deserves our attention to bolster these special people.

At a time where tourism has taken a significant downturn in the Waiariki region, and unemployment rates are rising, Vision New Zealand is committed to supporting and significantly funding a new and innovative tourism approach, that sees the Waiariki region become a mega Tourism hub, that hosts guests for three or more days within the region, making the most of the vast natural resources including our forests, beaches, lakes, thermal activity and more. With all of the main cities/towns within a one hour drive of each other, it makes sense that the entire region collaborates more effectively to sell themselves as the complete package for holiday experiences, initially targeting the domestic market, then Trans-Tasman and beyond markets.

**Special Feature:** We would develop "The Waiariki Bullet" – the greatest scenic/tourist train experience in the world. It would be the complete cultural and family experience that will leave guests coming back for more. Leaving from Auckland, through Hamilton to the rich Māori cultural epicentre of Rotorua and its thermal wonders, to the sunny white sands of Tauranga Moana, then onto the delicacy rich shores of Whakatāne/Ohope and its adventure opportunities, through to the rugged beaches and coastline up the East Coast, then onto the eerie and ancient world of Tūhoe's Te Urewera forest and mountains, back through large sheep stations and the Kaingaroa ranges to the great lake of Taupō, framed by the snow capped mountains within reach, to some of the best trout fishing in the world. This is but a small taste of the overall experience. The Waiariki Bullet will host onboard commentary and fine dining experiences, stopping at many local Waiariki shops, cafes, tourist attractions along the way. This enterprise will add significant long-term employment to the region. It also provides an initial shovel ready project taking mothballed, closed, freight-only railway tracks within the region, and upgrading them to passenger rail quality.

Within Waiariki we will also reduce the levels of Māori homelessness with two or three purpose built facilities across our region, that provide rehabilitation and reintegration support services. Currently Māori are six times more likely than non-Māori to be homeless. That's not good enough.

### Vision New Zealand will ensure:

- Establish a new pan-regional tourism enterprise across Rotorua, Tauranga, Whakatāne, Taupō and surrounding districts, packaged for the domestic and international markets, and adequately funded to become the new Tourism hub of Aotearoa.
- The first branches of the new Māori bank will open in the Waiariki electorate
- Government buy back all foreign-owned land, water and natural resources in the Waiariki electorate and return Kaitiakitanga to local hapū (ownership and management)
- Ngai Tūhoe are given 100% ownership and management of Te Urewera maunga
- We build multiple purpose-built facilities for the homeless of the region. Special rehab for them and to keep our cities clean
- Special Feature: We will ensure the Crown fully fund the initial capital setup and development of the new Waiariki Bullet, allowing local Māori to own and manage this innovative enterprise

## Matakite o Aotearoa

We have specifically adopted Matakite as the Māori translation for 'Vision' as we believe our political party has the capability to foresee some of the future and is prophetic by nature for our people. We are respectful of our past, not bound by history, instead, we are future-focused. Matakite o Aotearoa (Vision New Zealand) is a political party with a vision for Māori, that is committed to achieving better results on the ground for Māori, and has a leadership team with a proven track record of effectively working with Māori and for Māori.



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