THE TREATY OF WAITANGI
TEACHER’S NOTES

These two fact sheets have been prepared with fourth form curriculum in mind, however they can be used at all levels of secondary school. They can be used together or separately.

The aim of the fact sheets is to introduce the work of the Waitangi Tribunal both by showing what claims are and the process they go through, and by providing a case study.

The case study - Kaituna Claim - has been set up as a decision-making exercise for students. The recommendations that the Waitangi Tribunal made have been left to the back page. This way students can debate the issues before they get a chance to read what decisions actually happened.

Further case studies using the Waitangi Tribunal Claims have been produced. These include the Motunui-Waitara claim, the Te Roroa claim and the Orakei claim. These are available from the Waitangi Tribunal.

Further Explanation

These are a number of words and organisations that may require more explanation, for example:


Resource Management Bill.

Ideas for Student Activities

• Class discussions or debate about the Treaty.

• Guest speaker, for example, a local kaumatua or kuia.

• Visit to local marae.

• Research land ownership for your school or surrounding area.

• Find out about any claim in your area.

• Crosswords.

Comments or Further Orders

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