



Peace Movement Aotearoa

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Support the foreshore and seabed hikoi!

"The legislation is regrettably even worse than feared. It ignores all of the concerns which Maori have raised about the issue and involves not just a taking of the coastline from Maori but also a very real restriction on our tikanga and our rights under international law and the common law." (Ngahiwi Tomoana, Chairman, Ngati Kahungunu Iwi Incorporated).

On 3 May, a hikoi organised by Ngati Kahungunu and involving other Iwi and organisations will begin. The hikoi is one of a number of strategies to express the ongoing opposition to the government's plans for the foreshore and seabed.

The hikoi will travel in vehicle convoy through Ngati Kahungunu from Wairoa to Wellington; participants will march through each town and hold rallies en route. The hikoi will arrive in Wellington on 5 May, and remain overnight. There will be other hikoi leaving from different parts of the country to arrive on 5 May too.

It is very important that the hikoi be supported by Pakeha / Tauwiwi organisations and individuals. Opposition to the government's foreshore and seabed proposals has been portrayed by politicians and the mainstream media as coming only from Maori. We know that this is not true - visible non-Maori support for the hikoi will demonstrate this.

This leaflet provides information on some of the ways you can support the hikoi. There are four sections: supporting the hikoi wherever you are; supporting the hikoi along the way; supporting the hikoi in Wellington; and where you can get more information.

Supporting the hikoi wherever you are

◆ Sign the Pakeha / Tauwiwi Statement

Sign on to the Pakeha / Tauwiwi statement on the foreshore and seabed legislation which is included on the back of this leaflet. Please contact Peace Movement Aotearoa (PMA) if you would like more copies of the statement.

◆ Join the hikoi

Everyone who is supportive of the kaupapa is welcome to join the hikoi, for all or part of the journey. The schedule is available online at www.converge.org.nz/pma/hksddl.htm or from PMA. If you are joining the hikoi, you will need to be as self-sufficient as possible - bring your own bedding, towel, personal items, any medication you need, warm clothing, and so on. Please make your own transport and accommodation arrangements as first priority for these will be given to kaumatua.

◆ Bring banners and placards

Please bring banners and placards which promote and support the kaupapa of the hikoi. Some ideas for wording are: Honour the Treaty; No confiscation [or raupatu] in our time; No Treaty breaches on the beaches; No human rights breaches on the beaches; Raupatu [or confiscation] is SO nineteenth century; Foreshore legislation - unfair, unjust and unnecessary; Pakeha [or Tauwiwi or non-Maori] say NO to the foreshore and seabed legislation, Foreshore legislation is outright theft, Negotiation not expropriation ...

◆ **Pakeha / Taiwi 'support the hikoi' contact details**

'Support the hikoi' contact details are available online at www.converge.org.nz/pma/hkcont.htm or from PMA. If you wish to add your, or your group's, contact details so people in your area can get in touch with each other - for example to car pool on the hikoi, or to work together on a solidarity action or event - please send them to email pma@xtra.co.nz or tel (04) 382 8129. If you want to get in touch with others for something specific, ie to offer or ask for a lift, please include that in your message.

◆ **Organise a Solidarity Action**

If you are not able to take part in the hikoi, it would be great if you could organise a solidarity action, in keeping with the kaupapa, in your town or city on 5 May. Details of solidarity actions will be listed online at www.converge.org.nz/pma/hksolid.htm - to have your event listed, please send the details to email pma@xtra.co.nz or tel (04) 382 8129. The more actions listed there the better - the purpose of these web pages is to show that Pakeha / Taiwi DO support the hikoi and the kaupapa.

Ideas for solidarity actions include those challenging the government and mainstream media deceptions about the foreshore and seabed - for information on an excellent protest on this theme, see 'Tell The Truth - Reveal All!' at www.scoop.co.nz/mason/stories/PO0404/S00055.htm

Another would be to highlight the absurdity of the government's 'open access for all' principle - if you live near the coast, you could organise an action outside your local private marina, port company ... anywhere 'open access' is blocked. Have props with you - fishing rods, surfboards, beach balls; dress in your beach or diving gear ... and banners saying why you are there. Support the kaupapa and make your point in a fun way!

And you don't need to wait until 5 May to organise an action, you could begin now and have one or more as a way of publicising what you are going to do on 5 May.

◆ **Related meetings and events**

As well as solidarity actions, you could organise meetings or events related to the foreshore and seabed legislation, or in support of the hikoi. Related meetings and events are listed online at www.converge.org.nz/pma/hksolid.htm - to have your event listed, please send the details to PMA.

◆ **Make your views known in the mainstream media**

The days prior to, during, and after the hikoi will be a particularly useful time to focus on getting your opposition to the foreshore and seabed legislation, and support for the hikoi, reflected in the mainstream media. Send Letters to the Editor of your local paper and the nationally distributed print media (contact details below), speak on talk-back radio, send out press releases ... whatever.

If you send a copy of anything you write, whether published or not, to email pma@xtra.co.nz we will add it to the 'Support the hikoi' media releases page at www.converge.org.nz/pma/hkmedia.htm and to the media releases section of the Foreshore and seabed information page at www.converge.org.nz/pma/fsinfo.htm

Contact details for 'Letters to the Editor' of nationally distributed print media are: Otago Daily Times, email odt.editorial@alliedpress.co.nz or fax (03) 474 7422; Christchurch Press, email editorial@press.co.nz or fax (03) 364 8492; The Dominion Post, email letters@dompost.co.nz or fax (04) 474 0257; New Zealand Herald, on-line www.nzherald.co.nz/letters/index.cfm?loc=leftmenu or email letters@herald.co.nz or fax (09) 373 6434; Sunday Star Times, email editor@star-times.co.nz or fax (09) 309 0258; and Listener, email letters@listener.co.nz or fax (09) 360 3831.

◆ **Financial support**

If you are able to make a donation to help with the costs of the hikoi, that would be much appreciated. All funds for the hikoi will be given to the organisers on the day the hikoi arrives in Wellington, or earlier if required. Please send your cheque (made payable to 'PMA Special Projects') to Peace Movement Aotearoa (PMA), PO Box 9314, Wellington together with a note stating it is for the hikoi, and with your name and address. A receipt will be sent for all donations.

Supporting the hikoi along the way

If you live in one of the towns or cities along the route of the hikoi, you are welcome to be there with your banners and messages of support as the hikoi arrives, and to march with it. You can get the hikoi schedule at www.converge.org.nz/pma/hkscdl.htm or from PMA.

Supporting the hikoi in Wellington

◆ Join the hikoi in Wellington

The hikoi will arrive at Chaffers Park around 9am on Wednesday 5 May. Soup and bread will be provided by Kokiri Marae for the people who have traveled to reach Wellington that morning, then the hikoi will set off to parliament at 10am. You can join the hikoi at Chaffers Park, along the route - Cable Street, Kent Terrace, Courtenay Place, Dixon Street, Willis Street, Lambton Quay - or in parliament grounds. At parliament there will be a range of events organised by Ngati Kahungunu including the presentation of sand from all their marae, followed by speakers, and entertainment.

◆ Bring banners and placards - see page 1 for ideas.

◆ Join the marshals team

We are putting together a team of marshals who will assist with marshalling through Wellington as directed by the hikoi organisers. If you have experience of marshalling, and can help with this, please contact PMA.

◆ Join the kai team

We are putting together a kai team to help with breakfast at Pipitea Marae on Thursday 6 May from 5-30am to 7-30am. If you can help with this, please contact PMA.

Where you can get more information

◆ For more information about the Ngati Kahungunu hikoi, see: Letter of Invitation from Ngati Kahungunu Chairman Ngahiwi Tomoana at www.converge.org.nz/pma/hkltr.doc * Ngati Kahungunu Time line of events 1993-2004 at page at www.converge.org.nz/pma/hkltl.htm * 'The Crown Baselines for Legislation on the Foreshore and Seabed - An Analysis' by Moana Jackson at page at www.converge.org.nz/pma/fs010404.htm and * 'Decoupling the Treaty and the Iwi Summary Analysis of the Government's Final Foreshore and Seabed Legislative Framework as Released on 7 April 2004' by Moana Jackson at www.converge.org.nz/pma/fs080404.htm

◆ For more information about Pakeha / Taiuiwi support for the hikoi, see the 'Support the foreshore and seabed hikoi' web pages at www.converge.org.nz/pma/hikoi.htm

◆ For more information about Pakeha / Taiuiwi opposition to the government's foreshore and seabed legislation, see the Backgrounder at www.converge.org.nz/pma/foreshore01.pdf and 'Government foreshore and seabed policy breaches basic human rights' at www.converge.org.nz/pma/fsbreach01.pdf

◆ For more information about the government's foreshore and seabed proposals and legislation, see the Foreshore and seabed information page at www.converge.org.nz/pma/fsinfo.htm

We welcome any ideas you have on additional ways Pakeha / Taiuiwi can support the hikoi, please send them to email pma@xtra.co.nz or tel (04) 382 8129 so they can be shared with supporters around the country.

If you do not have internet access, or would prefer paper copies of any documents referred to in this leaflet, please contact PMA.

Pakeha / Taiwi Statement on the Foreshore and Seabed Legislation

To all Labour, Progressive Coalition, and New Zealand First Members of Parliament,

As the foreshore and seabed hikoi moves towards Wellington, we the undersigned Pakeha / Taiwi add our voices to those of Ngati Kahungunu and others who are opposed to the foreshore and seabed legislation.

We support the hikoi, and all peaceful protest by Maori acting to protect what is rightfully theirs.

The foreshore and seabed legislation is a confiscation, no different than the confiscations inflicted by colonial administrations in the nineteenth century. The harm caused by those past confiscations has been acknowledged in recent years, apologies have been made, and settlements have been negotiated in recognition of those historical injustices. Repeating the mistakes of the past cannot be a productive way forward.

Furthermore, the legislation violates basic human rights including the right of access to, and protection of, the law; the right to own property and not be arbitrarily deprived of it; the right to freedom from racial discrimination; the right to enjoy one's own culture; the right to development; and the right to self-determination.

The legislation is a serious breach of Articles II and III of the Treaty of Waitangi. It is a violation of domestic law including the Bill of Rights Act and Human Rights Act; and of international human rights standards and conventions including the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination and the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights. It clearly goes against developing international human rights law with respect to the human rights and fundamental freedoms of Indigenous Peoples, as articulated for example in General Recommendation XXIII of the United Nations Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination.

We do not agree with your claims that the legislation is in the best interest of all New Zealanders - clearly it is not in the best interests of Maori, nor do we consider it to be in our best interests. If passed, it will be a source of serious conflict and justified grievance into the future. As well, your readiness to violate the basic human rights of one group of New Zealanders is threatening to us all.

We endorse the stand taken by those few Labour Members of Parliament who are opposing the foreshore and seabed legislation.

We call on you to vote against this inherently unfair, unjust and unnecessary legislation. Its fundamental flaws are clearly outlined in the Waitangi Tribunal WAI 1071 Report. We urge you to read the Report and to follow the Tribunal's "primary and strong" recommendation - go back to the drawing board and engage in proper negotiations with Maori about the way forward.

If you follow this path, you will be remembered by future generations as someone who stood against this gross travesty of justice and who acted with integrity to ensure a peaceful future for us all.

This statement will be posted to the Members of Parliament to arrive on the day the foreshore and seabed hikoi begins. To sign, please fill in your details below and post to Peace Movement Aotearoa (PMA), PO Box 9314, Wellington or email to pma@xtra.co.nz The name, town/city, and title etc, of each person who signs will be listed online at www.converge.org.nz/pma/hksigs.htm If you do **not** want your details included there, please tick here [] You can get more copies of this statement online at www.converge.org.nz/pma/hksign.htm or from PMA. Information about the foreshore and seabed hikoi is at www.converge.org.nz/pma/hikoi.htm **Final deadline for signing is Friday 30 April 2004.**

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Address:

Title / Occupation / Position and Organisation (optional):