

Te whakahāngaitanga o Te Tiriti o Waitangi Te Tiriti articles in practice



It is vital for tangata Tiriti organisations, and anyone working for or on behalf of the Crown – that is, all those in the kāwanatanga sphere – to understand what honouring Te Tiriti means in practice.

This expression of the articles of Te Tiriti has been developed collectively by tangata whenua and tangata Tiriti experts and leaders across a range of fields. It supports us to move away from Crown-defined “principles” and to honour Te Tiriti o Waitangi, the te reo Māori text agreed to by rangatira and the Crown.

To apply Te Tiriti in our day-to-day work means:

1. ***Kāwanatanga: honourable governance for mutual benefit***
Our processes, actions, decision-making and delivery of services are informed and shaped equally by tangata whenua and tangata Tiriti worldviews and perspectives. We work in partnership with tangata whenua.
2. ***Tino Rangatiratanga: Māori self-determination/sovereignty***
We recognise the importance of tangata whenua authority and autonomy. We take active steps to support tangata whenua-led processes, actions and decision-making through the sharing of power and resources.
3. ***Ōritetanga: equity for Māori***
We undertake specific actions to ensure equitable outcomes for tangata whenua.
4. ***Wairuatanga: upholding belief systems***
Tangata whenua worldviews, values and wairuatanga are respected in our work.

These statements can also be posed as questions to prompt planning and action specific to your organisation.

1. ***Kāwanatanga: honourable governance for mutual benefit***
How are our processes, actions and decision-making informed and shaped by both tangata whenua and tangata Tiriti worldviews and perspectives? How are we working in partnership with tangata whenua?
2. ***Tino Rangatiratanga: Māori self-determination/sovereignty***
How do we recognise the importance of tangata whenua authority and autonomy? What active steps are we taking to share power and resources, and to support tangata whenua-led processes, actions and decision-making?
3. ***Ōritetanga: equity for Māori***
What specific actions are we undertaking to ensure equitable outcomes for tangata whenua?
4. ***Wairuatanga: upholding belief systems***
How do we ensure tangata whenua worldviews, values and wairuatanga are respected in our work?
5. ***Evaluation***
How are we monitoring and evaluating our work to uphold Te Tiriti o Waitangi?