KA MUA, KA MURI
UNDERSTANDING TE TIRITI
A DISCUSSION GUIDE

Tēnā koutou,

Thank you for taking the time to engage with Groundwork's *Understanding Te Tiriti o Waitangi* workshop. This discussion guide supports group reflection on the workshop. It is for everyone, and may be particularly useful for tangata Tiriti (non-Māori who call Aotearoa home). The questions below invite you and your group to work together, deepen your understanding of Te Tiriti, and develop actions.

You can choose how to use this resource. You may want to discuss all the questions in a single session or come together regularly over a few weeks to discuss the questions in more depth. We recommend setting aside at least two hours for a conversation and encourage you to consider the questions before coming to the discussion.

These are important conversations to be had for our collective futures. We encourage you to treat yourselves and each other with kindness, empathy, open-mindedness, and respect. Consider how you can create an environment which supports listening and sharing. Some ideas include:

- Considering how you will open and close the discussion.
- Being in a comfortable place where there will be minimal interruptions.
- Ensuring there is adequate time for discussion.
- Being mindful that we all come to these discussions with different backgrounds and experiences of colonisation and racism.
- Making sure everyone can choose: to be part of these discussions; how much to contribute; and to take breaks when they need to.
- Sharing the time and ensuring everyone has the opportunity to contribute to the discussion.
- Sharing kai afterwards.

Thank you for taking the time to come together for this collective reflection; we hope the conversations inspire and encourage you to take further actions that will foster a flourishing Aotearoa.

Ngā manaakitanga,
The Groundwork Team

Ki te anga whakamua, me titiro whakamuri
To move forward, we must look back.

Mā te kōrero, ka mōhio;
mā te mōhio, ka mārama;
mā te mārama, ka mātau;
mā te mātau, ka ora.

Through discussion comes awareness;
through awareness comes understanding;
through understanding comes knowledge;
through knowledge comes wellbeing.

1. CONNECTIONS AND EXPERIENCES

Where are your people from? Where are the places you have/feel connection to?

Where do you fit in the histories outlined in the Understanding Te Tiriti workshop?

How do our family histories shape our experiences?

2. REFLECTING ON THE *UNDERSTANDING TE TIRITI* WORKSHOP

How did you find engaging with the workshop content? What has stuck with you?

Were there parts you found surprising?

Is there anything you're still wondering about?

3. MANA WHENUA LANDS AND HISTORIES

Who are the mana whenua of the lands where you grew up or live currently? What do you know, from mana whenua sources, about how mana whenua have been impacted by tauiwi, non-Māori, settling on these lands?

Visit this map if you want to find out who is mana whenua of places you live or are important to you

4. ASPIRATIONS

In the workshop, you were invited to reflect on what we might see today if Te Tiriti had been consistently honoured. You also saw ideas others have shared in response to this visioning activity. What aspects of that vision are important to you and why?

What are some of the things getting in the way of this vision?

5. ACTIONS

What can we do as individuals, as families, and as communities to work towards that future? What actions can we take to support tangata whenua, whānau, hapū, and iwi aspirations for the future?

Take another look at Ideas for action for suggested actions. You might like to close your discussion with a round responding to "One action I'll take is…."