

Ngā Haumi: Basic Submission Guide for the Principles of the Treaty of Waitangi Bill (94-1) 2024

Submissions close: Midnight January 7th 2024

Ready to submit? [Click here to make your submission.](#) (online portal)

[It must be made clear that this bill - despite the name and purposefully selected wording - can never be reflective of Te Tiriti o Waitangi. This bill is nothing but antithetical to Te Tiriti o Waitangi and the Aotearoa it was supposed to help us create. That future, however, is still possible. It has been outlined for us by past revolutionaries, current movements and the model put forward by the Independent Working Group on Constitutional Transformation in the 2016 Matike Mai report]

Disclaimer: Whilst we push for engagement in the select committee process, this is not us accepting the validity of the system. We stand for constitutional transformation and for Te Tiriti justice - but we're not there yet.

Right now though, this is the chance for us to practise the courage we'll need to get through this.

Instructions (online)

We have provided a very basic submissions template to get you started - but **each submission must be different to be counted** by the select committee as a unique submission. So this is **not a copy & paste** situation, although you can copy and paste the structure.

Our friends at Action Station have put together a much more comprehensive submissions tool if you'd prefer more guidance and prompts to support writing your submission.

[CLICK HERE FOR MORE ĀWHINA.](#)

1. Copy and paste our template into a new document so you can edit your own submission, or type directly into the [submissions portal here](#).

****DO NOT swear, make defamatory comments, copy somebody else's submission or stray too far from the point.** This puts your submission at high risk of being thrown out and not counted**

2. Fill out the submission based on the prompts/what you want to say/how you feel. Remember, the most important section is **"I am in complete opposition to this bill"**.

3. When you have finished your submission, click here to go to the official submissions portal. At the bottom of the page you will find "I am ready to make my submission". Click this button.

4. Fill out your details (fields with an asterisk* are the only compulsory fields).

5. If made on a separate document you can either upload as a PDF, or copy and paste your submission into the relevant fields as prompted and make your submission.

6. **Share this template with 5+ friends/whānau/colleagues/flat-mates** and get them to make a submission in opposition.

7. **Follow @ngaahaumi and @actionstationnz** to stay up to date with our submission support resources etc. and share it across your platforms so we can have as many people submitting as possible before the end of the written submission period (Jan 7 2025)!

Toitū te Tiriti!!

Copy and paste the following template into a new document to start editing or [access the submission portal](#).
[I/We wish to make the following comments]

Introduction* (optional but helpful)

[Add a sentence about yourself, your organisation, business etc. What is your story with Te Tiriti? Why are you submitting? + any other context you'd like to add]

I/we/ [organisation name] am/are **in complete opposition to this bill**.

[Why you oppose this bill] (these can just be written as bullet points if you would prefer)

****for more support with your opposition, you can read our contextualisation of the bill, the summary of the Waitangi Tribunal report and/or the full report, and this article from Melanie Nelson on why the changes set out in the bill matter****

[Key Concern #1]: *e.g. the future for my mokopuna.*

[Key Concern #2]: *e.g. complete absence of evidence and evidence-based decision making, inadequate testing, lack of consultation and failure to meet regulatory standards.*

[Key Concern #2]: *e.g. complete removal of Māori rights*

(write as many key concerns (your own or supported by ours) as you want)

I do/do not wish to be heard in support of my submission (let them know if you want to speak to your submission to the select committee directly. You'll (likely) be contacted after written submissions close).

[I/We wish to make the following recommendations]

(There are points to adapt and develop for yourself, but these are starting points)

- Throw this bill out immediately. We want to see Te Tiriti o Waitangi fully expressed in the governance and social structures of Aotearoa.
- Moana Jackson encourages us to foster and nourish new relationships by telling new stories that rely on honesty about our misremembered histories, and the foresight to see where different ones might lead. That MUST begin with recognising Te Tiriti o Waitangi as the point that brings us all together, not what tears us apart.
- Immediate and intentional implementation of the recommendations of constitutional transformation outlined by Matike Mai and the work done by tā Moana Jackson & Margaret Mutu.
- Establish a new, Matike Mai based system in Aotearoa that honours Te Tiriti o Waitangi and He Whakaputanga, to ensure that something as violent as this bill can NEVER happen again.
- Honour the tapu of Te Tiriti o Waitangi!

Kill the bill!

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Handwriting your submission.

Written submissions to be posted to:

Principles of the Treaty of Waitangi Bill
Committee Secretariat
Justice Committee
Freepost
Parliament Buildings
Wellington 6011

you don't need to pay for postage

Submissions can also be handwritten and sent to the select committee, and are counted just the same as the written submissions received through the online portal.

**post your submissions by the end of December 2024 to ensure it makes the cut off.*

If you handwrite your submission, you have to include a cover page that includes:

- *“Submission of [your name] to the Justice Select Committee”*
- ***Your submitter details*** *(all needed for submission to be considered)*
Full Name:
Address (optional):
Email or phone number:
- *Whether or not you also wish to submit verbally to the select committee later on in the process.*

1. Write out your submission by hand, following a similar structure provided above. Who are you? Why does Te Tiriti o Waitangi matter to you? And why are you against this bill?

2. Don't swear, make defamatory comments or stray too far from the point (the bill).

Address your submission to: