

Land Occupation Scenario

How do you think a typical Pākehā family would feel today if each of the following happened to them?

Scenario	Choose a response to each action Fair - Unfair - Don't know - Mixed	Write your thoughts about why here.
Waking up one morning to find that Māori are occupying the household's section		
Upon complaining to the police, being told that Parliament had established a process for investigating title to land owned by Pākehā		
Under the process, Māori are allowed to claim any land they want		
Upon querying the process by which their land was returned to Māori, being told:		
they should have attended a hui at the marae		
which had been publicly notified on Te Karere;		
where they would have been required to employ a Māori consultant to present their case		
but they would have an opportunity to present evidence that their title was valid (Western concepts of title allowed but evidence required back to time when land was acquired from Māori)		
the homeowner would have to employ Māori experts to identify the property in terms of traditional Māori boundaries		
the household would have to remain at the marae throughout the hearings for all land in the immediate area		
the hospitality provided by the marae would be expected to be returned at a later date, in kind		
However, since the homeowner didn't appear at the hui, the government made the land available to Māori claimants upon their payment of price set by government; the Pākehā ex-owner will not receive any of the payment		
If the family had attended the hui and participated in the process appropriately, the chances are good that their title would have been found to be valid		
But, because the government agrees with the 'greenies' that individuals do not have the right to own the earth, land title will be recorded as owned and managed by the local council.		
Nothing can happen on the land without consensus agreement in the community; families will not have individual property rights.		