

# INTRODUCTION TO THE TREATY OF WAITANGI: COURSE INFORMATION (3-hour)

## PURPOSE OF THIS COURSE

This course is a brief introduction to the Treaty of Waitangi

The main purposes are to

- ⇒ increase understanding of the Treaty, especially why it was written and what it says
- ⇒ address common misunderstandings

## COURSE CONTENT

An outline of the session is provided below:

- o opening, introductions, housekeeping
- o different ways of seeing things – the 'wave'
- o pre-Treaty context, especially Declaration of Independence
- o reasons for having a Treaty in 1840
- o what the Treaty says
- o implications of colonisation
- o Treaty today

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- ⇒ You are not expected to agree with everything that is presented in the course, but you are asked to keep an open mind to what you hear
- ⇒ It is important that everyone feels free to contribute; we want this to be a safe environment.
  - ⇒ So, please contribute to relationships within the group by not using any identifying information as to who said what inside the class to people who are not participants (exceptions – feel free to cite the facilitators and anyone else who has given you permission to quote them)
- ⇒ There is no such thing as a stupid question – please ask! If the facilitator can't answer, then he or she will try to find out and get back to you or will give you some ideas of where to find out yourself.

## QUERIES, PROBLEMS, ETC

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