

MAORI AFFAIRS

Building a Brighter Future



Encouraging Maori success

The Treaty of Waitangi underpins the Crown–iwi relationship. The Treaty is our country's founding document. It is based on mutual respect and the vision of a more prosperous future for all New Zealanders.

The Treaty created a nation based on diversity and shared aspirations for future success, wealth, and prosperity. National is committed to ensuring Maori and all New Zealanders can enjoy a successful and more prosperous future.

National's values are Maori values

National and Maori share important values:

- Recognition of property rights and economic independence.
- Strong, capable families, whanau, and communities.
- Cultural diversity that is recognised and celebrated.
- Personal responsibility and choice.
- Enterprise, entrepreneurship, and wealth creation that is encouraged and supported.

Related policies

→ Treaty Negotiations

Key facts

- Reduced income tax across-the-board leaving more money in workers' pockets.
- Introduced National Standards, including Maori medium National Standards, for literacy and numeracy in all primary and intermediate schools.
- Progressed Treaty settlements, achieving over 100 milestones in only three years.
- Funded community-led projects supporting 3500 more early childhood education places for Maori, Pacific, and low-income families.
- Better targeted Working For Families to low-income earners.
- Introduced and expanded Whanau Ora, to help families build resilience and take control of their own lives and future.
- 89 per cent of Maori children are now fully immunised by the age of two.
- Providing \$12 million to help tackle rheumatic fever in vulnerable communities.
- Over 135,000 homes retrofitted with insulation and over 29,000 converted to clean heating.

National has...



Lifted achievement in education

Expanded participation in early childhood education

- ✓ Expanded 20 hours early childhood education (ECE) to include five-year-olds, kohanga reo, and parent-led playcentres.
- ✓ Provided 3500 extra ECE places for Maori, Pacific, and low-income families, who were missing out and would benefit most.

Lifted achievement in schools

- ✓ Rolled out National Standards, including Maori medium National Standards, for literacy and numeracy, giving parents clear information about their children's performance and enabling schools to help those who need extra support.
- ✓ Expanded family-based literacy programmes to decile one to three schools.
- ✓ Over 80 per cent of decile one and two schools receive fruit through Fruit in Schools.

Supported Maori education

- ✓ Established 33 new Iwi Education Partnerships. There are now 53 education relationships between the Ministry of Education and iwi.
- ✓ Extended Te Kotahitanga teacher training to 17 more schools, benefiting over 7000 more Maori students and over 830 teachers.
- ✓ Implemented He Kakano leadership initiative to support Maori students in about 90 secondary schools.
- ✓ Opened three new kura kaupapa and another nine extended to wharekura.

Boosted trades in schools

- ✓ Introduced the Youth Guarantee to provide all 16- and 17-year olds the opportunity to study for free at polytechs, wananga, and private training establishments.
- ✓ Opening 21 Trades Academies to teach practical skills and literacy and numeracy.

Our results so far...

- The number of Maori students remaining at school until their 17th birthday is increasing.

Students at school when turning 17	2008	2010
Maori students	67.0%	70.3%

- More Maori are gaining NCEA level two.

Students leaving school without NCEA level 2	2008	2010
Maori boys	53.0%	48.0%
Maori girls	45.0%	41.0%



Improved whanau health and wellbeing

Provided better healthcare

- ✓ Launched the Maori Health Innovation Fund, to assist Maori health providers to develop new services or to share innovative information.
- ✓ Maintaining universal subsidies for GPs and establishing integrated family health centres combining services like minor surgery, pharmacies and GPs.
- ✓ More elective surgeries every year and reduced waiting times for all New Zealanders.
- ✓ 95 per cent of high needs children under six now get free GP visits.

Improved help for mums and babies

- ✓ Fully funded PlunketLine 24 hours a day, seven days a week.
- ✓ Provided \$54.5 million to boost maternity care, ensuring 18,000 new mothers receive extra WellChild visits.

Supported families and whanau

- ✓ Issued a Green Paper on protecting our vulnerable children.
- ✓ Established Whanau Ora to help whanau take control of their own futures.
- ✓ Provided over 100,000 B4 School Checks to ensure children are ready and healthy to start school, up from just 3000 checks in 2008.
- ✓ Reduced rates of smoking with 50 per cent more calls to Quitline and an 82 per cent increase in cessation support.



Progressed settlement of historic grievances

- ✓ Made significant progress towards settling historic Treaty negotiations fairly and in full. We've completed over 100 milestones in just three years.
- ✓ Repealed the Foreshore and Seabed Act and provided an enduring solution, guaranteeing public access and recognising Maori customary title and rights in the marine and coastal area.

More homes are warmer, healthier, and drier

- Over 135,000 homes are warmer, drier, and healthier.
- Over 29,000 homes have been converted to clean heat devices.

Progress in insulation, space heating, and water heating	Labour after 9 years	National in just 3 years
Homes insulated with government grants	50,264	135,390*
Homes installed with clean heating devices with govt grants.	800	29,151
Homes installed with solar heating or heat pumps for water heating with government grants	1971	7462

* Includes Warm Up New Zealand: HeatSmart and other government grants.



Helped families into housing

- ✓ Launched the Gateway Housing scheme which allows home buyers to build or buy a property but to defer payment on the land.
- ✓ Expanded papakainga housing through the Kainga Whenua programme.



Supported Maori language

- ✓ \$2 million to address whanau and community language development.
- ✓ \$4.5 million to help Maori families access te reo Maori over three years.
- ✓ \$1.2 million over three years to support iwi radio, improving access for our communities.

There is a growing consensus that a step-change in the Crown-iwi relationship is occurring as a result of National's engagement with Maori, particularly at an iwi leaders' level.



Supported iwi enterprise

- ✓ Boosted investment in Maori economic development, helping create jobs.
- ✓ Launched the Maori Economic Taskforce, to investigate enhancing Maori economic prosperity.
- ✓ Promoted Maori tourism, such as *Atamira: Maori in the City* showcase.
- ✓ Provided funding to establish the Maori Trustee as an independent sustainable entity.
- ✓ Enacted reforms to deliver the Maori Commercial Aquaculture Settlement.

Working for Maori across party lines

National has successfully worked with the Maori Party to fulfill undertakings made in our Confidence and Supply Agreement.

This includes:

- ✓ Supporting the establishment and implementation of Whanau Ora.
- ✓ Investing in education and health initiatives.
- ✓ Establishing the Constitutional Advisory Panel.
- ✓ Repealed the Foreshore and Seabed Act.
- ✓ Reviewing the Maori language strategy and sector.
- ✓ Progressing the Maori economic development agenda.

What we will do next...



1. Further lift achievement in education

Good education is a game breaker. It ensures equality of opportunity and better outcomes in life. National will work with iwi/Maori to get better results for young Maori and more skills and trades training to support emerging Maori enterprises.

- Increase ECE participation among Maori families in regions where participation is low.
- Improve literacy and numeracy among Maori students and extend support for Maori students.

National Standards are helping identify children who are falling behind. We will use the results to better target extra support for those children who need it and lift achievement across our schools.

- Offer 12,500 Youth Guarantee places from 2014.

We will provide more options to engage at-risk 16- and 17- year olds so they stay in the education system.

- Track students who leave school before 18 and ensure they are in some form of education, training, or work.

We don't want to see students just drop out of the system. Schools will be asked to report students who are leaving school and not going on to further training or employment so we can support them.

- Build on the momentum of Ka Hikitia and work with iwi to achieve agreed participation and achievement targets for Maori students.
- Continue to support kohanga reo and kura kaupapa in the provision of quality education and learning for Maori children.



2. Improve Maori health and wellbeing

Improving health and wellbeing is essential to ensuring Maori can fully participate in modern society. That's why we will ensure everyone has access to readily available and affordable health care.

- Provide free after-hours care for children under six.

Extending the Zero GP Fees for Under Sixes scheme to after-hours care will make it easier for those families who need their child to see a GP or nurse outside of business hours.

- Focus on implementing Whanau Ora.
- Reform welfare to put a greater focus on supporting people into employment and reducing the on-going human and social cost of long-term welfare dependency.
- Work to reduce rheumatic fever and diabetes among high-risk groups and communities.
- Insulate, by the end of 2013, every state house built before 1978 that can be practically insulated.

- Promote long-term home ownership among Maori families and communities, including working with iwi on improving housing supply and housing affordability.

What we will do next...(continued)



3. Support growth in Maori enterprise and assets

National will make a major effort to lift engagement by Maori and iwi in New Zealand's productive economy. We will work on increasing skills, training opportunities, and jobs. We will also focus on growing Maori assets, enterprise, and tourism, and raise productivity.

- Protect the integrity of the Maori fisheries settlements under the Quota Management System.
- Implement the aquaculture reforms through regional delivery of aquaculture settlement obligations.

Aquaculture is set to be a growth industry. We will encourage Maori enterprise to make the most of the opportunities ahead.
- Review the role of the Maori Land Court with a focus on the administration of title and a view to streamline and enhance support, record management and development opportunities for Maori landowners.
- Explore the case for working with the Maori Trustee to, where appropriate, enable iwi trusts to manage trustee lands on behalf of beneficiaries.
- We will roll out the first stage of ultra-fast broadband to businesses, schools, health centres and other priority users in 33 cities and towns around New Zealand.

By 2015, we'll connect 97.7 per cent of schools and 99.9 per cent of students to ultra-fast broadband with speeds of at least 100mbps.



4. Support Maori culture, language and identity

Recognise the relevance and contribution of Maori culture, language, and identity as an enabler of Maori success and a hallmark of New Zealand's unique culture and heritage.

- Build on Crown-iwi leaders engagement to focus on agreed actions and results in priority areas.
- Work with iwi and relevant stakeholders to revise and implement the Maori language strategy with a focus on shared responsibility, achieving language targets, and improving sector performance.
- Support Maori culture, language, and identity while recognising the need to work with iwi/Maori to achieve greater alignment of priorities and coherency in our approach.
- Investigate opportunities to grow career pathways in Maori performing arts and support the growth in domestic and international markets for Maori art and performance.
- Continue to support Maori broadcasting including iwi radio, Maori TV, and Te Mangai Paho.



5. Complete outstanding Treaty settlements

- Continue to focus on completing historic Treaty settlements as a key driver of Maori economic and social independence.
- Continue to build on the significant progress National has made to achieve fair and durable treaty settlements.
- Enhance the Treaty settlement work programme by:
 - Adopting a whole-of-government approach, requiring Ministers and agencies to be proactively engaged in the negotiation process to achieve efficiencies, including earlier identification of potential issues and a more constructive approach to finding solutions.
 - Introduce greater efficiencies to the legislative process which will enable the timely processing of settlement legislation.

Labour would take New Zealand backwards

Under Labour:

- ✘ The government signed only 16 Deeds of Settlement over nine years towards settling historic grievances once and for all, despite a commitment to do better for iwi.
- ✘ In 2007/08 Labour upgraded just 5500 state houses – National has completed 50,000 upgrades to state houses in just three years.
- ✘ Just 50,000 homes were insulated in nine years. In just three years under National there have been 165,000 home insulation or clean-heating upgrades.
- ✘ 53 per cent of Maori boys left school without NCEA Level 2.
- ✘ From 2005 to 2008 Labour doubled spending on early childhood education, but participation increased by only one per cent.
- ✘ Only 73 per cent of children under two were immunised. We've lifted that to over 90 per cent.
- ✘ PlunketLine was not funded 24/7 – we've fixed that.
- ✘ 20 hours early childhood education did not extend to include kohanga reo.
- ✘ Some cancer patients waited up to 15 weeks for radiation treatment, with some being sent to Australia – we've reduced the wait to just four weeks.
- ✘ Violent crime increased 47 per cent. Now, Police figures show crime per person is down in every district in New Zealand.