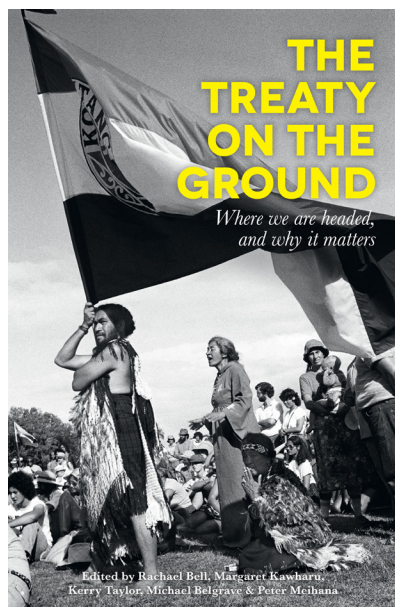


The Treaty on the Ground

Where we are headed, and why it matters

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WHAT IS THE COALFACE REALITY OF HONOURING THE TREATY OF WAITANGI IN TODAY'S LAW, LOCAL GOVERNMENT, EDUCATION, HEALTH, SOCIAL SERVICES AND MORE?

Every Waitangi Day New Zealanders must ask: Are things getting better since the Treaty was signed 175 years ago? Is its honouring more sincere and more robust? Is it uniting us? Or is it continuing to divide some of us? What are some of the best examples of its acknowledgement? Where do we have work to do still? And why do we need to? What's at stake if we don't?

This timely book answers those questions. It brings together key thinkers on Treaty issues: eminent jurists, historians, planners, educationalists, senior social workers, treaty negotiators and museum curators, they take a well-informed look back and also give a considered view of the road that lies ahead.

The Treaty on the Ground examines the impact of New Zealand's founding document on everything from resource management to human rights and school governance. Expert, moving, challenging, at times tough-talking and always inspirational, this book takes the pulse. Damian Skinner grips the nub of the matter in one of the 15 chapters in this important book: 'As I was told once, around the dinner table, the biggest problem facing Māori is Pākehā. So what are you going to do about it? Learning more about Pākehā responses to te Tiriti, and understanding that not only is there already Pākehā Treaty practice but there needs to be more of it, seem like good places to start.'

The more we talk about, think about and learn about the treaty the better, even when – or especially when – we disagree about what it is or should be. — Paul Little, North & South, March 2017

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