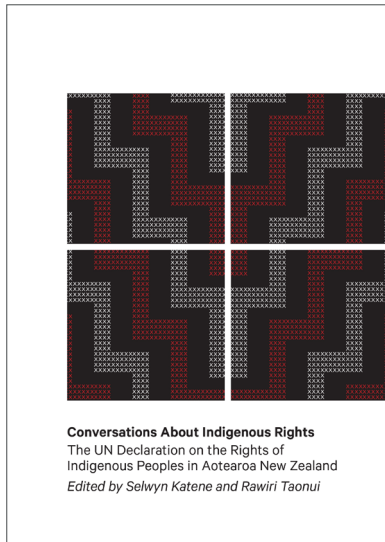




# Conversations About Indigenous Rights

## *The UN Declaration of the Rights of Indigenous People in Aotearoa New Zealand*

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### A SHARP ASSESSMENT OF HOW NEW ZEALAND IS MEETING ITS OBLIGATIONS UNDER THE UN DECLARATION ON THE RIGHTS OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLES, TEN YEARS ON FROM ITS SIGNING

The UN declaration on the Rights of Indigenous peoples is a deeply significant document. In 2007, then UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon described its signing as an “historic moment when UN Member States and indigenous peoples reconciled with their painful histories and resolved to move forward together on the path of human rights, justice and development for all”.

This book reflects on the tenth anniversary of the UN General Assembly’s adoption of the Declaration and examines its relevance in New Zealand. It shows the strong alignment between the Treaty of Waitangi and the Declaration, and examines how the Declaration assists the interpretation and application of Treaty principles of partnership, protection and participation. Starting from a range of viewpoints and disciplines, the authors agree that in Aotearoa New Zealand the journey to full implementation is now well underway, but warn that greater political leadership, willpower, resources and a stronger government commitment is needed.

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#### SALES POINTS

- A book of deep relevance to those working in Māori and Indigenous development across a range of fields and disciplines
- Draws on both scholarship and lived experience
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