



TIAKI TAONGA

“Ko te mana motuhake
me te tino rangatiratanga
mō ngā taonga katoa.”

Tiaki Taonga Development

Kahu Aronui have been asked by Wai 262 Taumata Whakapūmau to bring together principles, themes, options and to encourage debate and feedback on solutions to Wai 262.

- **immediate solutions** are proposed
- **long term structural change** is the goal

Wai 262 is a multi-faceted and complex claim that requires a suite of options, each working together as a network.

Tiaki Taonga is interpreted as a stand alone **sui generis*** framework which is activated in every instance where there is activity relating to Taonga Māori and mātauranga Māori. The preferred model is for the framework to be implemented by way of legislation, which is then supported by a network of solutions including Codes of Conduct, contractual provisions, research guidelines, and educational material. Tiaki Taonga has identified principles and values which can be applied to the relevant activity.

- The relevant activity brings taonga and mātauranga into a sphere whereby the protection and/or use of taonga and mātauranga is governed by the appropriate tikanga and kawa.
- The decision-making as to the application of Tiaki Taonga solutions to the taonga and mātauranga lies with Māori, as determined by the appropriate tikanga and kawa.
- The location of the decision-making authority will depend on the taonga and the circumstance.

Ultimately, the Wai 262 remedy will require a suite of different solutions that are woven together to create a fabric: ***Te tino rangatiratanga mō ngā taonga katoa.***

What are the Foundations of Wai 262

- Wai 262 represents a commitment to te tino rangatiratanga o ngā taonga katoa.
- Whānau hapū and Iwi as kaitiaki have the full and exclusive decision-making authority to Taonga Māori, as guaranteed by Te Tiriti o Waitangi.
- A central and unifying element of Taonga is the mātauranga associated with the taonga.
- Mātauranga encompasses the world view of whānau, hapū and iwi as kaitiaki, which itself is an obligation derived from whakapapa.
- Taonga Māori include their mauri, their whakapapa, traditional cultural expressions, their genetic and biological properties, their environments and habitats, their reo/mita, mātauranga, tikanga and kawa, and their relationships to their kaitiaki.

Pou Uara - Principles and Values of Tiaki Taonga

- That the **mauri** of Taonga Māori including Mātauranga Māori is affirmed as an intrinsic value in its own right.
- That the **whakapapa** relationships of Taonga Māori with other taonga, and the **whakapapa** relationships of Taonga Māori with Māori people, whānau, hapū and iwi is affirmed.
- That the **mana motuhake** and **tino rangatiratanga** of kaitiaki, (whether expressed and implemented by Māori people, whānau, hapū or iwi) with our Taonga Māori is guaranteed, actively protected and enhanced.
- That **mana whakahaere** and exercise of **kaitiakitanga** in relation to taonga is exercised in a manner that supports the benefit and wellbeing of all Māori; and as a consequence, the benefit and wellbeing of Aotearoa/New Zealand as a whole.
- That the obligation of **manaakitanga** is upheld for the collective benefit of all.
- That the **Crown obligations** as an active and engaged partner under Te Tiriti o Waitangi are upheld to the fullest extent:
 - To recognise, provide for and ensure compliance with the rights, interests, responsibilities and obligations of Māori in relation to Taonga and associated mātauranga;
 - To not assert any proprietary rights in taonga or mātauranga;
 - To actively protect Taonga and mātauranga by building and strengthening the system, process and tools to ensure the implementation of Tiaki Taonga solutions;
 - To ensure that the ongoing development and application of Taonga and mātauranga by way of Tiaki Taonga must align with the values and aspirations of Māori as expressed by Māori.
 - To empower and resource Māori to develop, protect and uphold the diversity and integrity of Taonga and mātauranga over successive generations.
 - To evaluate and monitor the various Crown's agencies who are responsible for the active protection of taonga and mātauranga, to ensure compliance with the Tiaki Taonga solutions.

Sui Generis simply means “of its own kind” – not simply tinkering with existing legislative frameworks. A system that places taonga Māori & kaitiaki at the centre.



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