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ABOUT WAKATŪ INCORPORATION

- Indigenous Māori organisation located in the top of the South Island of Aotearoa New Zealand.
- Established in 1977 to manage the remnants of ancestral Māori land known as the Nelson Tenth's Reserves and Occupation Lands.



Te Taihu (top of the South Island), New Zealand

ISSUE 1

THE RIGHT TO LAND, TERRITORIES AND RESOURCES

1845 - Crown Grant creates a legal trust designed to reserve and protect specific lands belonging to the Māori customary owners in Nelson region

2017 - Supreme Court rules that the Crown owes legally enforceable duties

Today - no land has been returned, nor compensation paid.

ISSUE 2

THE RIGHT TO REDRESS

- Since 1845, no redress has been provided
- New Zealand Government continues to argue against any redress
- Despite Supreme Court ruling, Crown has yet to recognise its role and responsibility as trustee

RECOMMENDATIONS

Wakatū recommends that the New Zealand Government:

- **Recognises and takes proactive steps to fulfil its legal duties**, as determined by the Supreme Court of New Zealand in 2017, in its first term of Government.
- **Engages meaningfully with the Māori customary owners to negotiate a principled, fair and robust solution** that includes the return of lands or, where this is not possible, compensation for losses, in line with the Supreme Court's 2017 decision, as a matter of urgency and by the end of 2024.

MORE INFORMATION

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NGĀ MIHI NUI, THANK YOU



Family and supporters of the customary owners of the Nelson Tenth Reserves outside the High Court in Wellington, New Zealand, August 2023