

Green Constitution

(mentions of Te Tiriti)

PREAMBLE

The Green Party of Aotearoa New Zealand accepts Te Tiriti o Waitangi as the founding document of Aotearoa New Zealand

Section 3 KAUPAPA AND TIKANGA

3.1. The primary kaupapa or purposes of the Party are to

3.1.1. Uphold the Charter;

3.1.2. Honour Te Tiriti o Waitangi both within the Party and in the governing arrangements of New Zealand

3.2. The tikanga of the Party is to:

3.2.4. Ensure that Members understand Te Tiriti o Waitangi and its importance to our kaupapa;

3.2.6. Embed the Charter, Long-Term Strategy and Te Tiriti o Waitangi in everything we do;

Section 4 PARTY STRUCTURE

4.1. The Party has a Te Tiriti o Waitangi-based structure, named Te Waka Framework.

Section 5 TE WAKA

Ko Tāne Mahuta pupuke – Tāne Mahuta (god of forests and birds) is rising.

5.1. Our principles and values ground us in our kaupapa and guide us when tensions and stresses arise. Political opportunity can happen at short notice: having strong and efficient internal systems will allow us to make values-based decisions in a timely fashion. The responsibilities for Te Waka lie with:

5.1.1. Kaunihera: governance and strategic direction;

5.1.2. Te Rōpū Pounamu: Te Tiriti o Waitangi responsibilities;

KAUNIHERA

5.2. Kaunihera (Council) will oversee the governance and strategic direction of the Party, act according to the instruction of the General Meetings and report to the AGM on the progress of the Party against its goals and

strategies. All members of Kaunihera are officers of the society.

Purpose

5.3. The purpose of Kaunihera is to constantly monitor and report to the Membership on performance, to ensure the Party:

5.3.1. Operates in accordance with the Charter, Te Tiriti o Waitangi and the Long-Term Strategy

Duties and Powers

5.23. Kaunihera will:

5.23.1. Monitor the performance of the Party against the Charter, Te Tiriti o Waitangi, the Long-Term Strategy and any other Party strategies supplementary to the Long-Term Strategy

Te Rōpū Pounamu

Purpose

5.26. Te Rōpū Pounamu is a self-regulating, national group of Māori Members who aim to:

5.26.1 Give life to the Party's commitment to Te Tiriti o Waitangi, as stated in the Charter;

Duties and Powers

5.32 Te Rōpū Pounamu must be consulted on any matter it considers of significance to Māori or relevant to Te Tiriti o Waitangi.

Policy Hub

5.40. Policy Hub consists of:

5.40.1. Policy Hub groups that cover all areas of Party Policy; and

5.40.2. Policy Implementation Consultation Team (PICT) which provides prompt, robust advice;

5.40.3. Te Mauri policy rōpū, which advises the Policy Hub on how to honour Te Tiriti o Waitangi in policies and practice;

MEMBER ASSEMBLIES

Purpose

7.19. The purpose of a Member Assembly is to resolve issues or make decisions on matters that require a wide mandate, or are of a shared interest to a broad range of Members, or matters connected with the political affairs of the Party.

7.19.1. Member Assemblies shall, subject to the Charter, Te Tiriti o Waitangi, the Long-Term Strategy and any direction set by the Party in General Meetings, have authority over all such matters.