

**KANOHI KI TE  
KANOHI,  
RAE KI TE RAE**

**Tania Waikato** – Lawyer

**NZEI  
TE RIU ROA  
HUI-Ā-TAU  
2025**













Here am I, here am I, quickly moving by the power of my incantation for swift movement.

Swiftly moving over the earth, swiftly moving through the heavens, the swift movement of your ancestor Tane-nui-a-rangi.

Who climbed up to the isolated heavens and there found lo-the-parentless alone. He brought back down the baskets of knowledge, the basket called Tuauri with sacred and spiritual knowledge, karakia and rituals, the basket called tuatea with knowledge of evil and harmful practices, warfare, agriculture, stone work and earthworks, and the basket called Aronui with knowledge about the natural world, arts and crafts, literature and philosophy.

Portioned out and planted in Mother Earth, the life principal of human beings comes forth into the dawn, into the world of light.





Ko **Putauaki** te maunga  
Ko **Rangitaiki** te awa  
Ko **Ngāti Awa** te iwi  
Ko **Ngā Maihi** te hapū  
Nō **Te Teko** ahau

He uri hoki ahau nō  
Ngāti Tūwharetoa, Ngai  
Tūhoe, Ngāti Hine me  
Te Whakatōhea.

TE AO MĀORI | MARAE

## ‘Treaty Principles 2.0’ – law experts concerned by regulatory bill

By 1News Reporters | Mon, May 19



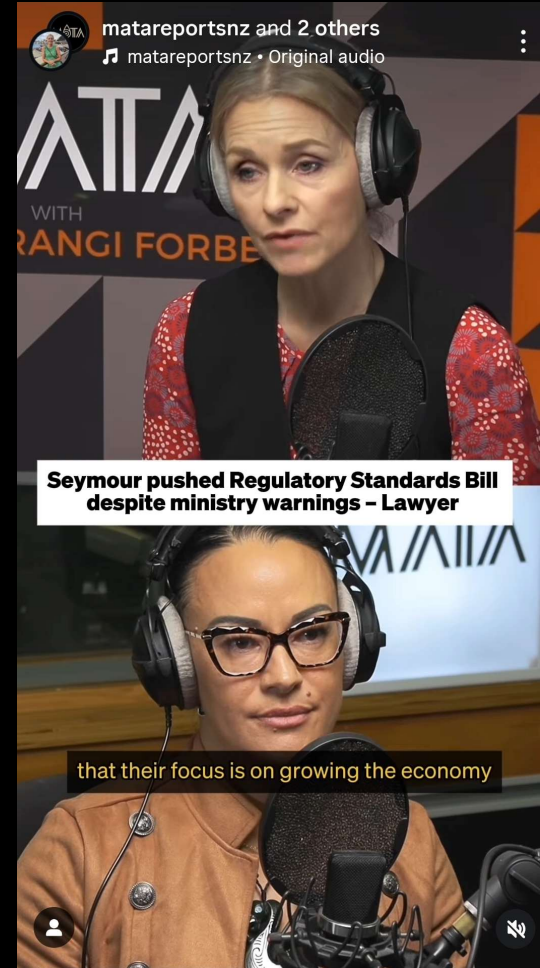
Claimant lawyer Tania Waikato on Marae. (Source: Marae)



Politics | Waitangi Tribunal

## Regulatory Standards Bill threatens Māori–Crown Relations

Friday, May 16, 2025 • By [Te Aniwaniwa Paterson](#)



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The implications of this kōrero goes beyond “close quarter combat” but talks to being present, being direct, being personal and committed in any engagement. The bigger picture is how do we prepare ourselves for being *Kanohi ki te kanohi, rae ki te rae*? Be informed. Be current. Gather the evidence. Cultivate the allies. Have each other's back. Just as our tipuna trained for combat so must we be trained and disciplined in our present-day form of combat.

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# KANOHI KI TE KANOHI, **RAE KI TE RAE**

## Petition launched against 'horrible, disgusting and inedible' school lunches

8:23 pm on 25 March 2025



**Layla Bailey-McDowell**, Māori News Journalist  
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**Karen Chhour MP** ✓

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So a lawyer has a petition calling for the Government to cancel a school lunch provider's contract.

She says: "In te ao Māori, you are judged by the level of your manaaki for your manuhiri, and your level of manaaki goes through food," she said.

If that's the case, why are so many Māori kids not being fed at home? Parents need to take some responsibility.

And the Government's opponents should be ashamed of themselves for using hungry kids as political props to push their agenda.

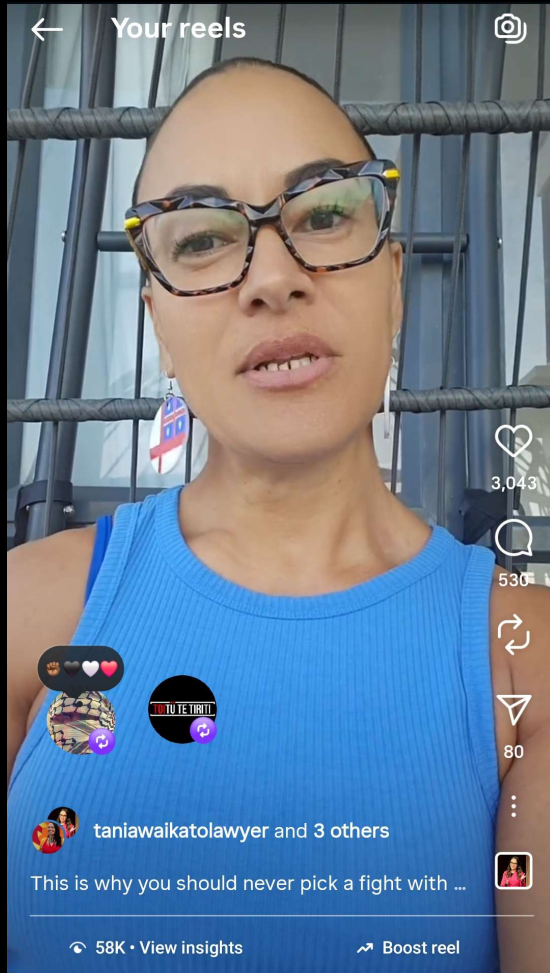
She said the decision to remove contracts from local providers ignored the fundamental Māori values of manaakitanga and community care.



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- Petition had less than 5,000 signatures prior to the Minister's post
- Increased to more than 17,000
- Bad behaviour exposed
- Petition went from very little exposure to political issue, media interviews = political capital.

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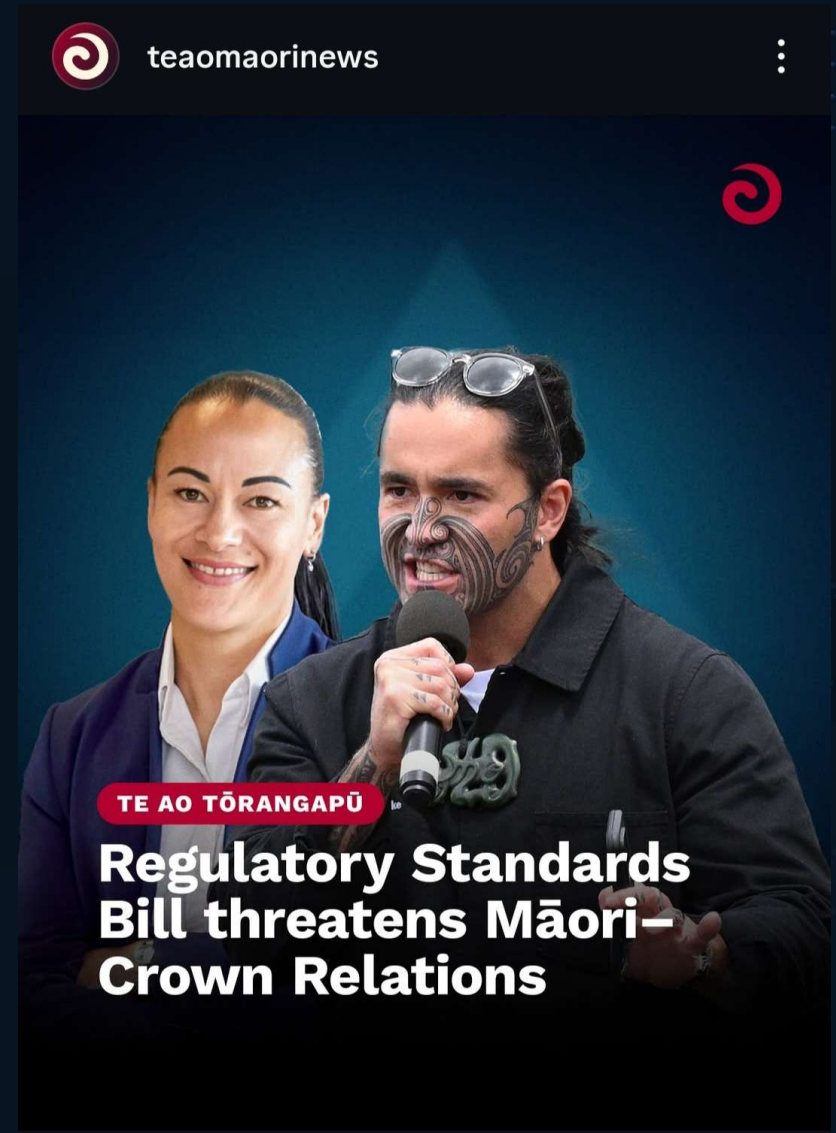
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# KANOHI KI TE KANOHI, RAE KI TE RAE

- Toitu Te Tiriti – 13,000 claimants  
– whanaungatanga
- Offensive engagement
- Strategic planning
- Expertise and numbers
- Ma pango, ma whero





TE AO TŌRANGAPŪ

**Tania Waikato  
speaks on behalf of  
13,000+ in Regulatory  
case at Waitangi Tribunal**

## KANOHI KI TE KANOHI, **RAE KI TE RAE**

- Tribunal granted urgency and set hearing down for June
- Minister Seymour attempted to block hearing by bringing introduction forward to May
- We pivoted and asked for extreme urgency
- Fastest Tribunal report in history (2 days)
- Found that Bill breaches Te Tiriti, process breached Te Tiriti, will breach again if passed
- 150,000 written submissions, the second highest number ever, after the TPB

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  4. **Rautaki** – Strategy / vision
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# KANOHI KI TE KANOHI, RAE KI TE RAE

POLITICS / EDUCATION

## Education minister over-reached on te reo in books, say principals

4:23 pm on 13 August 2025

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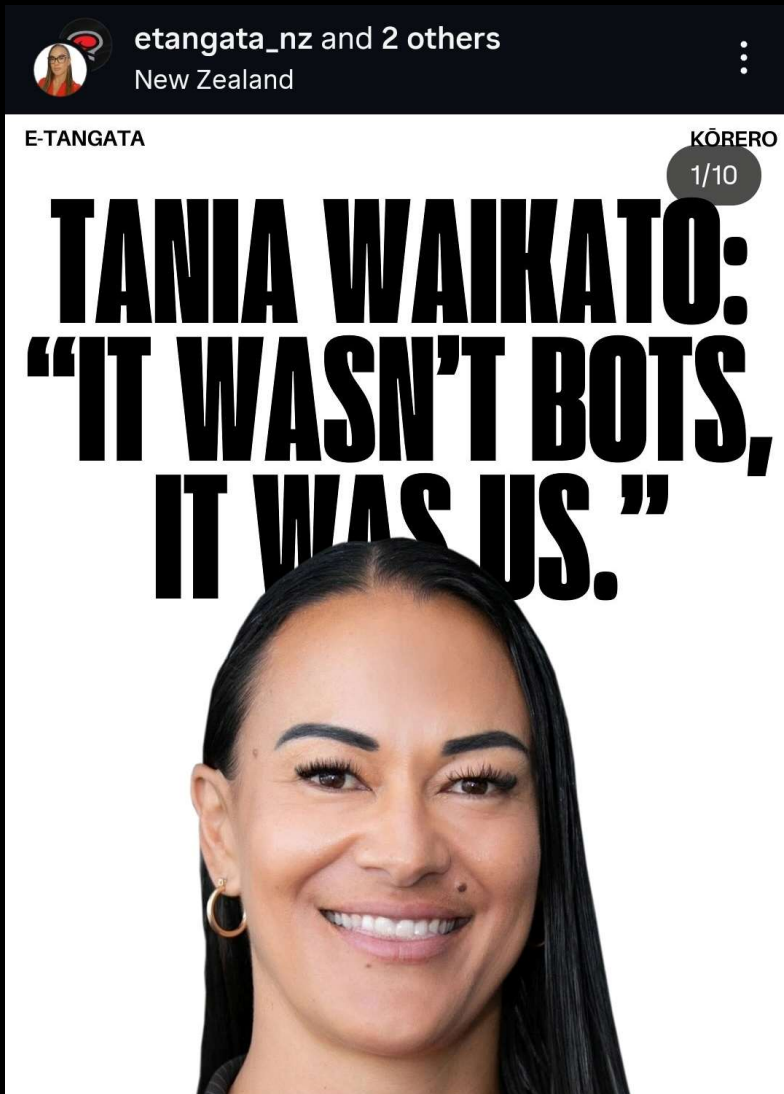


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## KANOHI KI TE KANOHI, RAE KI TE RAE: **TOOLS FROM YOUR KETE**

1. At your table, discuss what tools you have in your kete.
2. Formulate one action you could take in your mahi or in your personal capacity to respond to a current issue that you feel passionate about.
3. Prizes for sharing your action!!!!

# KANOHI KI TE KANOHI, **RAE KI TE** **RAE**

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- The mana of authenticity
  - Use your own kete, not someone else's
  - Never forget your whakapapa
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**Pātai?**