

Report on Kotahitanga Pou Tikanga has done for the NICF hui – submitted by Bill Hamilton 24 April 2024

There has been increasing kōrero about what a Rangatiratanga Sphere might look like at the national level. Here is a summary of what has been said to date.

Vision: All whānau will achieve their potential

WHY have a Rangatiratanga Sphere?

- ***Our whānau are under attack, and we need a strong political presence to protect them***
 - ***It will give us more power***
 - ***It will protect and revitalise our taonga***
 - ***It is what we had pre-colonisation***
 - ***Our power is within our whānau, hapū, iwi and Māori organisations. This will harness that power***

WHAT will a Rangatiratanga Sphere do?

- ***Support and protect the rangatiratanga of whānau, hapū, iwi and rūpū Māori***
- ***Provide leadership for national and international issues***
 - ***Collaborate with whānau, hapū, iwi and Māori organisations taking action against the Crown***
 - ***Build relationships with Tauīwi organisations***
 - ***Engage internationally.***
 - ***Provide a constitutional presence for our whānau***
 - ***Engage with the Crown in the relational sphere***

HOW will it work?

- ***Follow the format of the recent Hui Taumata***
- ***Include all whānau. Leave no one behind. Be accessible***
- ***Establish a leadership team that includes rangatahi***
- ***Provide accountability***
- ***Be values based. Mana Atua, Mana Whenua, Mana Tangata***
- ***Built around Tikanga, He Whakaputanga, Te Tiriti and international human rights standards***

Next steps

- ***Keep developing our thinking at future hui Taumata***
- ***Build relationships with supportive organisations***
- ***Discuss with your whānau***
- ***Engage with the United Nations***
- ***Unite around national projects e.g. election 2026***
- ***Have Iwi-led Tiriti conversations locally***
- ***Public education about He Whakaputanga, Te Tiriti and Rangatiratanga***

Emerging Priorities The following are the issues emerging as priorities for acting collectively:

- ***The well-being of our Tamariki***
- ***Taiao issues including land, water and climate change***
- ***Te Reo***
- ***Protecting Te Tiriti and whānau rights***