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From: "Murray"
To:
CC:
Date: 26/07/2013 7:48 p.m.
Subject: Fw: Governments worst nightmare....

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From: Alex and Roberta
Sent: Thursday, July 25, 2013 8:00 PM
To:
Subject: Governments worst nightmare....

I think the same message would be VERY relevant in Australia, with the thinking population as well !!!

>> I THINK THIS GUY HAS IT ALL COVERED. I COULDN'T SPOT ANYTHING HE LEFT
>> OUT.

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>> I Am the current Parties Worst Nightmare.

>> I am a White, Conservative, Tax-Paying, God fearing Kiwi

>> I am a hard working New Zealander and I work long hours to earn a
>> living.

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>> I believe in God and the freedom of religion, but I don't push it on

>> others..

>> I believe in Kiwi products and buy them whenever I can.

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>> I believe the money I make belongs to me and not some bloody

>> governmental functionary, Labor/Greens or National or some other

>> warped group of loopies, that wants to share it with others who don't

>> work!

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>> I'm in touch with my feelings and I like it that way!

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>> I think owning a home doesn't make you a capitalist; it makes you a

>> smart New Zealander I think being a minority does not make you noble

>> or victimized, and does not entitle you to anything. Get over it!

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>> I believe that if you are selling me a Big Mac or any other item, you

>> should do it in English and speak so I can understand you.

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>> I believe there should be no other language option.

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>> My heroes are , Fellow Kiwis, Richie Mc Caw, Colin Meads, Barry

>> Crump, Ed Hillary and Henry Ford, who invented the most awesome car.

>> I don't hate the rich, but hate the way they are always finding ways

>> to pay less taxes I don't pity the poor ,I hate the way they are

>> always crying that they are hard done by!!

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>> I know wrestling is fake and I don't waste my time watching or

>> arguing about it..

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>> I haven't burned any witches or been persecuted by the Turks, and

>> neither have you!

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>> I believe if you don't like the way things are here, go back to where

>> you came from and change your own country!

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>> This is NEW ZEALANDWe like it the way it is and more so the way it wasso stop trying to change it to look like Britain ,USA ,Russia or China , or some other socialist country!

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>> If you were born or legally migrated here and don't like it... you are free to move to any Socialist country that will have you. (And take Phil Goff and his group with you.) I believe it is time to really clean house, starting with the Bee Hive, the seat of our biggest problems.

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>> I want to know exactly, where the "Do Gooder's " get their money from, and why are they always part of the problem and not the solution?

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>> Can I get an AMEN on that one?

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>> I also think the cops have the right to pull you over if you're breaking the law, regardless of what race, color or creed you are, but not just because you happen to be an illegal alien and scream that they are "RACISTS PIGS".And, no, I don't mind having my face shown on my driver's license. I think it's good.... I hope you are not too stupid to claim to know how our electoral ballot system works, The Politician's don't!.so what hope have we?? I dislike those people standing in the intersections trying to sell me stuff or trying to guilt me into making 'donations' to their cause..... Get a job and do your part to support yourself and your family!

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>> I believe that it doesn't take all the intellectuals to raise a child, it takes two parents....

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>> I believe 'illegal' is illegal no matter what the lawyers think!

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>> If this makes me a BAD Kiwi, then yes, I'm a BAD Kiwi If you are a BAD Kiwi too, please forward this to everyone you know.....

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>> We want our country back!

>> My Country.....

>> I hope this offends all illegal aliens.

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>> My great, great, great grandfather watched as his friends died in the Boer War. My grandfather watched and bled as his friends died in the World Wars 1&2. My grandfather watched as his friends & brothers died in the Great Depression. My father watched as his friends died in Korea . I watched as my friends died in Vietnam ...

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>> Enough is bloody enough

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>> This message needs to be viewed by every Kiwi; and every Kiwi needs to stand up for New Zealand .

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>> We've bent over to appease the Kiwi-haters long enough. I'm taking a stand.

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>> I'm standing up because the hundreds of thousands who died fighting in wars for this country, and for the New Zealand flag.

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>> If you agree, stand up with me. If you disagree, please let me know.

>> I will gladly remove you from my e-mail list.

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>> And shame on anyone who tries to make this a racist message.
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>> KIWI's stop giving away Your RIGHTS !
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>> Let me make this clear! THIS IS OUR COUNTRY !
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>> This statement DOES NOT mean I'm against immigration !
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>> YOU ARE WELCOME HERE, IN MY COUNTRY, welcome to come legally:
>>
>> 1. Get a sponsor !
>> 2. Learn the LANGUAGE, as immigrants have in the past !
>> 3. Live by OUR rules ! Dress as we ,New Zealanders Do 4. Get a job !
>> 5. Pay YOUR Taxes !
>> 6. No Social Security until you have earned it and Paid for it !
>> 7. NOW find a place to lay your head !
>>
>> If you don't want to forward this for fear of offending someone, then
>> YOU'RE PART OF THE PROBLEM !
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>> We've gone so far the other way bent over backwards
>> not to offend anyone.
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>> Only New Zealanders seems to care when New Zelanders Citizens are
>> being offended !
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>> WAKE UP NEW ZEALAND !!!
>>
>> If you do not Pass this on, may your fingers cramp !
>>
>> Made in NEW ZEALAND & DAMN PROUD OF IT!!!!

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Submission for the Constitution Conversation

Your name:

Susan Grimsdell

Name of the organisation you represent (if applicable):

member of Amnesty International (but not a representative)

Postal address or email address:

Auckland C

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SUBMISSION: ① Basic human rights in NZ are not all protected in law. The rights to housing, education and healthcare are examples.

- ② These measures would strengthen legal protection:
- incorporate economic, social and cultural rights into the NZ Bill of Rights Act
 - entrench the Bill of Rights Act
 - give judges power to grant remedies for breaches of those rights
 - fund programmes to increase public awareness of those rights (economic, social & cultural)
 - establish a human rights select committee
 - require government to include consideration of human rights at all levels in their decisions and policies

③ The worst case of failure to protect basic rights of NZ citizens is that of child poverty. Priority in funding allocations MUST be given to measures that will reduce the effects of poverty. This includes the required level of spending on insulating and upgrading houses to stop the occurrence of cold, damp houses. It also includes construction of low-cost houses that people with low incomes can afford. This is the number one problem in New Zealand.

④ Inequality has to be dealt with. Those on high incomes should be required to pay tax sufficient to enable low-income earners to have the basics of life - warm dry housing, food, education, health-care. If high-income earners are given redundancy payments when their employment ends, so should low-income earners, for example.

2463.

From: "Barbara"
To: <constitutionalreview@justice.govt.nz>
Date: 4/07/2013 9:16 a.m.
Subject: CAP Submission

Sir,

All 1 people. Look at what is happening everywhere overseas.
Can we be smart for once & put an end to people bowing to minorities to become a "Sir".
Can we fine a Government that does not want votes so badly that they take on the squeaky wheels & racist people.
Race Relation Office should be disband. Put them in a council office to work. A lot of bull go's on there.

Fed up , Barbara Groenewegen.

2126.

From: Kevin Grogan <grogan@justice.govt.nz>
To: <constitutionalreview@justice.govt.nz>
Date: 3/07/2013 8:59 a.m.
Subject: CAP Submission

I Kevin Grogan vote for the abolition of preferential Maori seats.

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From: <webmaster@ourconstitution.org.nz>
To: <constitutionalreview@justice.govt.nz>
Date: 30/07/2013 7:51 a.m.

Sent from The Constitution Conversation #link:<http://www.ourconstitution.org.nz/>.

Full Names: Arthur Grooby Organisation Name: Email: Phone:
Postal AddressA: Postal AddressB: Postal City:
Wellington Postal Region: Postal Post Code: Postal Country: New Zealand
Submission: The Constitutional Right to a Healthy Environment.

People have a right to clean air, safe drinking water and a healthy environment. Today it is widely recognised in international law and endorsed by an overwhelming proportion of countries - environmental rights are included in more than 90 national constitutions.

These provisions are having a remarkable impact, ranging from stronger environmental laws and landmark court decisions to the cleanup of pollution hot spots and the provision of safe drinking water. As of 2012, 177 of the world's 193 UN member nations recognise the right to a healthy environment through their constitution - New Zealand is NOT among these. The potential benefits of constitutional environmental rights include - stronger environmental laws and policies; improved implementation and enforcement; greater citizen participation in environmental decision making; increased accountability; reduction in environmental injustices; a level playing field with social and economic rights; and better environmental performance. The constitutional right to live in a healthy environment continues to gain recognition around the world. It represents a tangible embodiment of hope, an aspiration that the destructive, polluting ways of the past can be replaced by smarter, cleaner, greener societies in the future.

Submitted on the 30 July 2013 at 07:50

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From:
To: <constitutionalreview@justice.govt.nz>
Date: 11/04/2013 8:10 p.m.
Subject: <http://www.ourconstitution.org.nz/> form submission

Sent from The Constitution Conversation #link:<http://www.ourconstitution.org.nz/>.

Full Names:	Brigette Grooby	Organisation Name:		Email:		Phone:	
Postal AddressA:		Postal AddressB:	Pinehaven	Postal City:			
Postal Region:	Wellington	Postal Post Code:	5017	Postal Country:	New Zealand		

Submission: I personally think that The treaty of Waitangi may have a negative effect on our constitution. I do NOT think that it should have a formal part in the Constitution as then the Maori believe that they have more rights to things such as water, land etc.

NZ is now a multicultural country not a bi-cultural country. At the end of the day we are all boat people including the Maori and there is already a big enough diversion between races. This will just make it worse.

Sent on the 11 April 2013 at 20:10

218a

From:
To: <constitutionalreview@justice.govt.nz>
Date: 11/04/2013 8:17 p.m.
Subject: <http://www.ourconstitution.org.nz/> form submission

Sent from The Constitution Conversation #link:<http://www.ourconstitution.org.nz/>.

Full Names: Brigette Grooby Organisation Name: Email: Phone:
Postal AddressA: Postal AddressB: Postal City:
Postal Region: Wellington Postal Post Code: Postal Country: New
Zealand Submission: I think that the court should decide whether legislation is consistent with the
act as there is already a big enough overlap with the Legislature and the Executive. I also think that
people should have a choice on gay marriage. It should not be defined
on religion.

Sent on the 11 April 2013 at 20:17

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From:
To: <constitutionalreview@justice.govt.nz>
Date: 11/04/2013 8:22 p.m.
Subject: <http://www.ourconstitution.org.nz/> form submission

Sent from The Constitution Conversation #link:<http://www.ourconstitution.org.nz/>.

Full Names: Brigitte Grooby Organisation Name: Email: Phone:
Postal AddressA: Postal AddressB: Postal City:
Postal Region: Wellington Postal Post Code: Postal Country: New Zealand
Submission: I think that it should be written in a document so that it eliminates the possibility of being ignored or misinterpreted.

Sent on the 11 April 2013 at 20:21

218c

From:
To: <constitutionalreview@justice.govt.nz>
Date: 11/04/2013 8:27 p.m.
Subject: <http://www.ourconstitution.org.nz/> form submission

Sent from The Constitution Conversation #link:<http://www.ourconstitution.org.nz/>.

Full Names: Brigette Grooby Organisation Name: Email: Phone:
Postal AddressA: Postal AddressB Postal City:
Postal Region: Wellington Postal Post Code: Postal Country: New Zealand
Submission: I think that Maori rights should be represented to a certain extent. If they are designed to make a difference to all races than yes but if not no. If Maori rights are represented then all races should be represented. I.e Asian, Muslim, etc. New Zealand is a Multicultural country and all rights should be represented not just Maori!!!!

Sent on the 11 April 2013 at 20:26

218A

From:
To: <constitutionalreview@justice.govt.nz>
Date: 11/04/2013 8:32 p.m.
Subject: <http://www.ourconstitution.org.nz/> form submission

Sent from The Constitution Conversation #link:<http://www.ourconstitution.org.nz/>

Full Names:	Brigette Grooby	Organisation Name:	Email:	Phone:
	Postal AddressA		Postal AddressB:	Postal City:
	Postal Region: Wellington	Postal Post Code:	Postal Country:	New Zealand

Submission: I would like New Zealand to become equal and provide the same education rights for all races, not just for Maori and Pacific Islanders. I would like a higher minimum wage and a cleaner country. I would also like The New Zealand laws to be changed so that criminals are punished properly and not just given a slap on the wrist. NZ punishment is too soft and not causing any deterrents.

Sent on the 11 April 2013 at 20:32

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From:
To: <constitutionalreview@justice.govt.nz>
Date: 11/04/2013 1:24 p.m.
Subject: <http://www.ourconstitution.org.nz/> form submission
Attachments: Submission for OurConstitution.docx

Sent from The Constitution Conversation #link:<http://www.ourconstitution.org.nz/>.

Full Names:	Paul Grooby	Organisation Name:		Email:		Phone:	
	Postal AddressA:		Postal AddressB:			Postal City:	
	Postal Region:	Wellington	Postal Post Code:		Postal Country:	New Zealand	
Submission:	Submission Upload:	Submission for Our Constitution.docx					

Sent on the 11 April 2013 at 13:23

Submission for Our Constitution

New Zealand Constitution:

I consider that the constitution should be a written constitution. However the caveat should be that as a nation we define with vigour the definition of the Treaty document so that we don't find ourselves involved in continuous and ever changing interpretations (i.e one version of the treaty that is not subject to continual litigation and re-interpretation of meaning which seems to be the case now).

The constitution should in my view be a single document incorporating the fact that New Zealand is a multi-cultural country (note the word MULTI which in my view represents the journey that the nation has undertaken over the last 160+ years. The courts are exist to enact the laws drafted by Parliament and as such I also consider that parliament be the body that decides whether legislation is consistent with the principles of the constitution.

The Bill of Rights:

While no law is without criticism, I think the current Bill of rights affords adequate protection to all of the peoples of New Zealand. I would not like to see this incorporated into the constitution given that over time this particular piece of legislation may be subject to change and as such redoing the complete constitution is a big task. Leave it as an annex to allow fo changing evolution of human and New Zealand civilisation.

Parliament, if they listen to the will of the people should invoke changes and updates to this legislation, provided that no-one currently covered by the legislation is disadvantaged by and amendments.

The Treaty of Waitangi:

I would have to say no on incorporation of this document into the constitution. As I stated early in my submission, the clarity and continual interpretation (and re-interpretation) of what is and what is covered by the treaty is contentious. Keep it as a reference point for the fact that New Zealand was founded on this document but move on. I think inclusion , will continue to divided New Zealand rather than provide the necessary mechanism to reconcile, partner , respect and celebrate and provide a means to move forward rather than the 'rear view mirror facing' aspect that we have over historical grievances.

Maori Representation:

I'm of the view that all people have the same opportunities in life to get ahead in life, its how we choose to undertake this. Some will choose to grasp life's' opportunities and push them , while others will choose to be a victim of perceived circumstance. In that regard I consider that Maori, while not denying that they were indigenous peoples were still boat people to New Zealand.

I think we continue to single out particular ethnic groups for treatment (special or otherwise) and I think that this is fundamentally against the bill of rights as well. Representatives of any group should be free to be elected and be part of government. Don't however provide places solely based on race – elect on merit and what people can contribute to society.

Electoral Matters:

I think this matter has currently been discussed in the recent review on MMP – no comment then In this light.

Other Issues:

My only other comment would be that our constitution should be as much as possible be inclusive of all people and reflect the diverse people that make up the nation. No race should get precedence over others .

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From:
To: <constitutionalreview@justice.govt.nz>
Date: 14/04/2013 6:04 p.m.
Subject: <http://www.ourconstitution.org.nz/> form submission

Sent from The Constitution Conversation #link:<http://www.ourconstitution.org.nz/>.

Submission: If this is supposed to be a representation of our population why is there a disproportionate number of Asian and Maori on the panel? Theoretically this would suggest more of a Maori viewpoint with a larger number represented on it? If you can give me a reason for this please. Full Name: Robert Groom Email:

Sent on the 14 April 2013 at 18:03

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Rec 5/6/13

Submit at the 27 April 2013 Constitutional Review Panel's *Constitution Conversation*.

email: constitutionalreview@justice.govt.nz. Website www.ourconstitution.org.nz to submit on-line, or call 0508411 411

To Professor John Burrows, Co-Chair, Constitutional Advisory Panel, Secretariat, C/- Ministry of Justice, DX SX10088, Wellington:

SUBMISSION

My Name: CHRISTINE GROVE

Name of Organisation: Civics Education Action Group – Nelson Ph: 03 548 4461

or _____

Postal or email address: _____

We ask that any constitutional document, either singular or through a set of constitutional principles that may emerge from the Constitutional Review of 2013:

- Have in any Preamble and elsewhere, New Zealand be declared a secular, sovereign, representative democracy with citizens' participation by way of plebiscites and direct community consultations.
- New Zealand has no death penalty be included in the Bill of Rights Act and under a Suffrage section in any singular document appended to any single constitution.
- New Zealand has no conscription to war and its people bear no arms.
- The South Pacific Nuclear Free Zone Treaty signed in Suva, Fiji in 1985 and the New Zealand Nuclear Free Zone Disarmament and Arms Control Act of 1987 be stated in Territories or appended to any constitution, with the inclusion (as have the Palauan Islanders done) of clauses against use, testing, storage or disposal of nuclear, toxic chemicals, gas or biological weapons intended for use in warfare, plus transit of the same through our Territories.
- New Zealand follow the example of the Philippines Constitution in stating it "renounces war as an instrument of national policy" and there also be carried a clause requiring not less than three fourths of votes cast in a referendum against docking, military bases and engagement in war, except as ratified by a majority of votes by the people in a plebiscite held for that purpose.

Please take this submission forward to your Secretariat by 1 July 2013.
My name can/cannot be used in publications.

Signature: _____

Peter Grove,

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Submission regarding the Constitutional review

I do NOT believe the possibility of a review of what ever it is that New Zealand considers to be a Constitution carried out in secret, will achieve anything other than a biased view inimical to the interests of every ordinary New Zealander

The absolutely minimal information coming out of the secret machinations of the Maori oriented review committee bodes ill for all New Zealanders. It seems to me that our completely British Heritage is to be denied to us in favour of a Stone Age Race that has made little actual progress towards the Twenty-First Century in the one hundred and seventy three years of British influence and civilisation in this country. A hallmark of the much vaunted Treaty of Waitangi was that under its provisions the Maori race would become synonymous with New Zealanders with the immortal words; he iwi tahi tatou. This worked well until recent years until dissidents within Maori, dreaming of sovereignty began the push toward self determination and a return to the scourges of tribalism, and cannibalism. forgetting entirely the magnificent benefits bestowed upon them as subjects of the Kings and Queens of England.. I believe the push to tribalism and rangitiratanga is in direct contravention of the spirit of the Treaty and indicates that those Maori pushing for separatism are actually ignoring the provisions of the Treaty. Which they are quick to proclaim their distorted view, that the rest of us are.

It is a complete fallacy for anyone to think TOW is actually New Zealand's founding document. If it was it would have been written in English.

The actual Founding Document of New Zealand happens to be Queen Victoria's Royal Charter which established New Zealand as a separate self governing colony, separating New Zealand from the then Government established in New South Wales, Australia.

Queen Victoria ruled the British Empire during her reign. The empire encompassed many different countries and cultures. Each and every one were subject to the same laws and received the same treatment from the Crown. There was NO differentiation among the races, of which there were many. Thus the modern concept of Maori being in partnership with the Crown of England is a complete fiction and needs to be revealed as such. The peoples of each Colony of Great Britain were subjects of the Crown and were treated as such. I very much doubt if there was any concept of Treaty Partnership when the origins of the Treaty are considered. Historians are likely to be aware the Treaty arose from instructions from Lord Normanby to Captain Hobson, among which were the following; 'the increase in national wealth and power, promised by the acquisition of New Zealand, would be most inadequate compensation for the injury which must be inflicted on this kingdom itself by

embarking on a measure essentially unjust, and but too certainly fraught with calamity to a numerous and inoffensive people whose title to the soil and sovereignty to New Zealand is indisputable and has been solemnly recognised by the British Government. We retain these opinions in unimpaired force and through circumstances beyond our control have at length compelled us to alter our course. I do not scruple to avow that we depart from it with extreme reluctance.' and; 'The Queen in common with Her Majesty's predecessor, disclaims for herself and her subjects every pretension to seize on the islands of New Zealand, or to govern them as part of the Dominions of Great Britain unless the free intelligent consent of the natives, expressed according to their established usages, shall be first obtained'. The care with which the Treaty was prepared indicates the tremendous goodwill of the Crown toward the native inhabitants of New Zealand. It must always be remembered the Treaty also came into being as a result of clamour by the Chiefs of the time for the protection of Great Britain against the ravages of their own people.

This shows the Treaty to be nothing more than a promise to Maori of the protection of the Crown in exchange for them ceding their sovereignty to the Crown. By no manner of means can it ever be considered any form of founding document for the reason I have suggested above.

Having said all that we come to the essence of this submission. It is my contention that as a colony of Great Britain, New Zealand enjoyed all the rights and privileges afforded Britons by the Magna Carta of 1297. From this has descended eight centuries of Common Law practice as a result of which, will have tested every conceivable situation and resulted in precedents of law binding on our courts. With this background the trouble and expense of reviewing what passes for a constitution becomes a futile exercise. Our government should have been alert to this and denied the imposition of a Kangaroo Court to examine the situation and arrive at constitutional provisions based on a document I have shown to be prescribed for Maori only.

I have listened to a lecture by Professor Robert George speaking to the Maxim Institute's annual 'Sir John Graham Lecture' in 2012, 'Can the ruler truly be a Servant? He noted the aim of any constitution was to serve the Common Good, nothing more nothing less. This then is the test. Any recommendation by the Kangaroo court must meet this test, just as our rulers must observe the requirement, that as well as being our Rulers, they should also truly be our Servants.

This will be traversing strange ground for our present Government that is showing by its continuing actions, the Tyranny of a slim majority, in the Dictatorial stances becoming ever more noticeable.

When public concern, as evidenced by recent petitions to Government, can receive more than 80% support against the measures under consideration, only to be ignored on very specious grounds, what else is there left for anyone to believe other than we

are firmly in the grip of a Dictatorship. We hear Fairy stories about Representative Democracy. There is no such thing and it is painfully obvious the concept has not been grasped with any depth of understanding by anyone in Government. To my knowledge there has never been any consultation with electorates about any matters, let alone those with a degree of controversy, which shows the concept of representation has long since flown out of the window. Again, evidenced, by the refusal to act on any recommendations for the review of MMP, made in good faith by many people, in the hope their voices may be heard.

When letters of complaint directed to specific members of Government receive no reply, what else are we to believe?

I notice as part of the Constitutional Review a comment that the final form it will take will be decided by Public Referendum. What it failed to say was 'only if the result agreed with Government's view' With the continuing failure to act on earlier referenda what faith can the public have that this one will be any different? In the lead up to the proposed referendum any measures for reform need to be submitted to the full Parliament for at least 75% approval by all members. Once that has been achieved then is the time for a public referendum to either confirm or deny that finding.

Anything else is a complete travesty of both Justice and Democracy.

In response to the questions asked on the review website.

My aspirations for New Zealand.

A truly colour blind state where every one is equal before the law, irrespective of race or creed.

How do you want our country to be run in the future?

As a true democracy, with a Parliament of Representatives each tested by the electoral process in an electorate where each is required to consult with his/her electorate to gauge the feeling of the electorate on all legislation being proposed or amended. This proposal presupposes more meaningful use of Binding Referenda to gauge the reaction of the people to all and any measure under consideration. Our present politicians have demonstrated clearly through their actions they are not to be trusted, neither with any question that requires the exercise of the smallest modicum of common sense, nor with any deference to the people they are supposed to represent and serve.

I cannot escape my conviction that this submission, will receive only the slightest attention and will be another waste of time of my effort and good intentions, Thus bearing out my earlier views.

ConstitutionalReview - The form on your contact page has just been submitted

From:**To:** <constitutionalreview@justice.govt.nz>**Date:** 26/04/2013 9:56 a.m.**Subject:** The form on your contact page has just been submitted

Sent from Constitutional Advisory Panel.**Contact** Dawn Groves**Name:****Phone:****Email:**

Comment: Why do we need any change to our unwritten constitution. Is it because Maori what most of the say as to how NZ is run everyday. I feel as if 95% of New Zealanders will have no say in this constitution. Even if we put in a submission I know it will not be taken notice of it as I am not a Maori. It should be put to a vote at the next Government Election. That would be democracy.

Sent on the 26 April 2013 at 09:55

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From: Eric Groves
To: <constitutionalreview@justice.govt.nz>
Date: 3/07/2013 8:59 p.m.
Subject: CAP Submission

Dear Sirs,

I wish to state the stupidity of continuing with separate Maori seats. It is absolutely undemocratic to keep this going and all a Maori M.P. wants to do is advance everything Maori in front of every other race. If you wish to keep them, then to be fair you must split up the population of New Zealand into their different races and vote on a purely racial basis. Now no one wants this, so scrub them.

You know, as well as I know that when government by the people was first established in New Zealand only men with property could vote and as the Maoris owned their land collectively no one Maori was eligible to vote, so the Maori seats were established. That time has long since passed as first all men got the vote then all women but politicians found the Maori seats could be used to their advantage and kept them going. Even when MMP was voted in the recommendation was to do away with the Maori seats, but then again politicians kept them going. Now we have a chance to finally do away with these racist seats and become a true democracy again. *So please do the right thing this time and get quit of this unfair racist **anomaly.

*Eric Groves

Gisborne

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From: <webmaster@ourconstitution.org.nz>
To: <constitutionalreview@justice.govt.nz>
Date: 23/07/2013 12:36 p.m.
Subject: [RELEASED FROM QUARANTINE] [SUSPECT SPAM]

Sent from The Constitution Conversation #link:<http://www.ourconstitution.org.nz/>.

Full Names: Elizabeth & Alastair Greaves Organisation Name: Email:
Phone: Postal AddressA:
Postal AddressB: Postal City: Gisborne Postal Region: Postal Post Code: Postal
Country: New Zealand Submission: We should all be living in New Zealand as equals instead of
the divided nation we have today..we should be following the Treaty as it was originally written.
Abolish the maori seats in parliament and local government and treat the country as ONE.

Submitted on the 20 July 2013 at 15:39

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From: Theodorus Grul
To: <constitutionalreview@justice.govt.nz>
Date: 30/07/2013 2:37 p.m.

To whom it may concern!

I do not agree that the constitution needs to be reviewed.
I like to see one law for our citizens, whether they are white, yellow,
brown or black. Equality for each person living in New Zealand.

Respectfully submitted,
Theo & Ellen Grul

Hamilton

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From: <webmaster@ourconstitution.org.nz>
To: <constitutionalreview@justice.govt.nz>
Date: 30/07/2013 2:45 p.m.

Sent from The Constitution Conversation #link:<http://www.ourconstitution.org.nz/>.

Full Names: Cameron Stewart Gruschow Organisation Name: Email:
Phone: Postal AddressA: Postal AddressB: Postal City:
Christchurch Postal Region: Postal Post Code: Postal Country: New Zealand
Submission: Without a constitution a government is legally entitled to introduce or amend almost any legislation that it wishes with a one seat majority in the House of Representatives, including the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990. Without entrenching such an important act in a written constitution as superior law, this country risks future governments from removing fundamental human rights and only being answerable to themselves. While governments past and present have been responsible in maintaining the basic rights of the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990, the idea of totalitarianism in the future is a real threat for any state, including New Zealand. It cannot simply be brushed aside because of the ignorance of the New Zealand public.

Submitted on the 30 July 2013 at 14:44

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From: Selwyn Guest-Dunager
To: <constitutionalreview@justice.govt.nz>
Date: 3/07/2013 2:24 p.m.
Subject: CAP Submission

I believe that the Government should abolish all situations, preferences and privileges based on race

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From:
To: <constitutionalreview@justice.govt.nz>
Date: 15/04/2013 8:43 p.m.
Subject: <http://www.ourconstitution.org.nz/> form submission

Sent from The Constitution Conversation #link:<http://www.ourconstitution.org.nz/>.

Full Names: Kathryn Sarah Guise Organisation Name: Email:
Phone: Postal AddressA: Postal AddressB: Postal City: Auckland Postal Region:
Postal Post Code: Postal Country: New Zealand Submission: I have combined my answers to
the question above into one. I think that the Treaty of Waitangi is important for New Zealand
historically, however I do think too much emphasis is placed on it currently, particularly when
Parliament is making decisions.

Too much attention is paid to giving effect to the 'Spirit of the Treaty' rather than taking the course of
action that is the most practical or sensible. I think the Treaty needs to be recognized for it's founding
role, but it shouldn't form a substantive
part of New Zealand's constitution. As a society we should be looking forward not backwards and
both Maori and Pakeha are New Zealanders - one people, one country. The constitution should reflect
that, otherwise we will be stuck in a cycle of Maori vs Pakeha
with one party always feeling wronged.

Sent on the 15 April 2013 at 20:42

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From: paulgunner
To: <constitutionalreview@justice.govt.nz>
Date: 15/06/2013 11:56 a.m.
Subject: Review

New Zealand does not need a written constitution and i strongly oppose any legislation or reference to the Treaty of Waitangi should one be drafted now or in the future.

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From: Tony Guy
To: "constitutionalreview@justice.govt.nz" <constitutionalreview@justice.gov...
Date: 3/07/2013 1:42 p.m.
Subject: CAP Submission

Dear Sir/Madam,

My submission is that there should be no distinction in any constitution on the base of race or ethnicity. All new Zealand citizens should be equal before the law.

To achieve this all references to the treaty of Waitangi should be removed from statutes and from any constitution.

The Maori seats, and any race based seats, should be abolished and prohibited.

I also submit that a written constitution delays the evolution of society and therefore I oppose a written constitution.

Kind Regards
Tony Guv
Phone

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From: " " < " >
To: <constitutionalreview@justice.govt.nz>
Date: 2/07/2013 2:56 p.m.
Subject: RE: CAP submission

Thankyou for following that up.

Fiona Guyan

Motueka

Submission:

I ask that any constitutional document declare New Zealand a Christian, sovereign, representative democracy.

And that

The South Pacific Nuclear Free Zone Treaty signed in Suva, Fiji in 1985 and the New Zealand Nuclear Free Zone Disarmament and Arms Control Act of 1987 be appended to that constitutional document.

The first of the above, because these principles were considered most important to the founders of our country; and our experience since then has shown us that these principles are conducive to maintaining a safe, stable, relatively healthy and well-run state.

The second, because this Treaty and this Act can safeguard the possibility of this for us and our South Pacific neighbours.

Thankyou for the opportunity to make a submission.

From: ConstitutionalReview@justice.govt.nz [mailto:ConstitutionalReview@justice.govt.nz]
Sent: Monday, 1 July 2013 5:11 p.m.
To: "
Subject: Re:

Dear Sir/Madam

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Kind regards

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From: Margaret Gwynn <
To: <constitutionalreview@justice.govt.nz>
Date: 22/07/2013 4:14 p.m.
Subject: CAP submission
Attachments: Const Review submission.doc

Attached is my submission to the constitutional conversation,

Margaret Gwynn

Constitutional Review submission

You ask what is my aspiration for New Zealand.

I want to live in a country which cares for all its people, ensuring all have adequate food, warm housing, good health care and ample opportunities for education and employment.

I want our environment – land, fresh water and sea, air, and all the creatures inhabiting these areas to be free from pollution and pests.

I want to be able to trust the government to pass legislation enabling all of the above.

I am not convinced we need a written **constitution**, but I do want the Treaty of Waitangi treated as a foundational document and its principles used as a framework. If a written constitution is decided upon, it should be reviewed at least every 20 years, interpreted and monitored by the Supreme Court.

The **Bill of Rights** needs to be expanded. At present it incorporates civil and political rights, freedom of speech etc. It needs to include economic, social and cultural rights. We sign international agreements on human rights, but there is no provision in the Bill of Rights for ensuring adequate housing or a living wage. So we have unacceptable rates of rheumatic fever and 270,000 children living in poverty.

Our current legislation does not adequately **protect the environment**. It is too easy for a government to weaken the Resource Management Act to suit their economic and political priorities. There is a growing realisation of the value of nature – air, water and land, and a Universal Declaration of the Rights of Mother Nature has been drawn up. This could be the basis for legally enforceable environmental rights.

Recently there has been an **increasing erosion of democracy**. An elected local government body has been dismissed, and recent legislation will give central government the power to overrule local decisions. The right to protest at sea has been removed. Carers of disabled offspring are not able to appeal discrimination. Some legislation affecting New Zealanders' rights has been drawn up to please foreign corporations, e.g. Warner Bros., Sky City, and oil companies. The GCSB Bill transforms a foreign intelligence agency into one spying on New Zealand citizens. The select committee process has been bypassed, and often too little time is allowed for submissions.

This has finally caused the Law Society to report the government to the United Nations' Human Rights Council for breaching the rule of law.

There needs to be some way of curbing such abuse of power.

One abuse of power of particular concern is the secret negotiation towards a **Trans Pacific Partnership Agreement**. At present foreign trade treaties are decided by Cabinet with no debate in Parliament. This means that not even our MPs know what the TPPA contains. Yet it will bind all future governments and prevent us from passing new laws to protect our environment, take meaningful action to curb carbon emissions or transform our economy. No agreement of this kind should be entered into without MPs having all the facts and time to inform and consult their constituents

and debate the issues. The final decision should be made by parliament, not Cabinet.

I am happy with a parliament of 120 members. But it is essential to have enough list seats to **ensure proportionality and diversity**. Electorates may have to become larger to ensure this.

Somehow we need to achieve **a more consensus style** in parliament. At present it is impossible to have mature debate about the best way forward for New Zealand's economy or how to address climate change. Many MPs are confrontational, concentrating on attacking personalities, rather than seriously debating a current issue. Would it help if MPs were seated alphabetically, rather than in parties? At the very least we need a Code of Conduct which all MPs must sign.

In view of the disappointing number of people voting in recent general elections – 69.5% in 2011 – I think the time has come to introduce **compulsory voting**.

Citizen-initiated referenda. At present it is necessary to collect 10% of registered electors to force a referendum on an issue. This is too high. I suggest 5%.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit to the Constitutional Review.

Margaret Gwynn,

Napier

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Email

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Napier

25/7/13

Please find enclosed my submission to
the Constitutional Convention.

A handwritten signature, possibly reading 'Gwynn', written in dark ink. The signature is stylized with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Constitutional Review submission

Robin Gwynn JP MA PhD,

Napier

July 2013

I am a professional historian whose work has always centred on England in the 1680s, the decade that led directly to the Bill of Rights of 1689, the ancestor of our own Bill of Rights here in New Zealand. I am the author of *The Denial of Democracy* (Cosmos Publications, 1998), and have a deep concern for the proper workings of democracy in this country. I am a Justice of the Peace and have issued warrants, time consuming voluntary activities gladly accepted because it is vitally important to maintain a political framework which operates smoothly and successfully for ordinary people.

On all counts, I should be really enthusiastic about making this submission. Instead I have been shamed into it as something I ought to do. I have no expectation that it is anything other than a complete waste of my time. The extent of my cynicism is in itself a symptom of disease in our national heart.

The fact is, there is little point in having a constitutional review until there is more indication that our Government (of whatever colour and composition) intends to take its responsibilities seriously. We already have a Bill of Rights. We already have a Parliament that is, in theory, sovereign. We already have a select committee process intended to see that citizens can provide their input into legislation. We have provisions to ensure that citizens have the right to freedom of expression and freedom from unreasonable search, the right to legal representation, and the right to appeal. But when all these acts, rights, frameworks and processes are being undermined, and when our own Law Society has felt obliged to report to the United Nations that a number of recent legislative measures in New Zealand are 'fundamentally in conflict with the rule of law', what is the point of tinkering with the constitution?

Unless, of course, that new constitution constrains Governments to act within the framework we have already approved, and adds further restrictions to its activities. If that is the true intent, then please pardon and ignore my misplaced cynicism: this review will have my fullest support.

If that is the case, these are areas requiring urgent action which should be incorporated within any new constitutional document:

* The 1990 Bill of Rights needs real teeth. That may require the establishment of a special tribunal, independent of Parliament, for the specific purpose of auditing Government and Parliament in this one respect and preventing breeches of the Bill. If I read the *Listener* aright, there have been recent cases when the Attorney-General has declared proposed legislation in breach of the New Zealand Bill of Rights – and then voted in favour of it. It is a commentary on the moral degradation of our House of Representatives that the Attorney-General failed to realize that resignation was then the only proper course.

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* Parliamentary sovereignty has to be real. That means that Supplementary Order Papers and other such Executive regulatory devices to undermine proper Parliamentary scrutiny of legislation must be disallowed.

* Select committee processes must be meaningful and not curtailed at Government whim.

* 'Urgency' should be applied only in very rare cases when there is a genuine emergency, not as a convenience for a Government desperate to rush through measures for its political convenience with as little genuine discussion as possible.

* For Parliamentary sovereignty to be real, the Executive must be stripped of the power to enter into binding international agreements unless and until they have been thoroughly discussed by an informed Parliament which has the full wording in front of it and the time for proper consultation at electorate level and through select committee process.

* New Zealand has been built on the moral principle that all people matter, and it has a history of comparative, but not doctrinaire, egalitarianism. The constitution should reflect that by requiring that our residents have adequate food, health care and housing. New Zealand is not a third world nation, and there is absolutely no justification in this country for children unable to benefit from schooling because they are hungry or for the presence of third world diseases. It is a national disgrace that children admitted to hospital with serious bacterial infections associated with cold, damp and overcrowded houses has more than doubled since 1990.

* Participation in public affairs should be encouraged, not discouraged. The present requirement of 10% of registered electors to force a referendum on an issue is unreasonably high. If 100,000 New Zealanders who are entitled to vote sign a petition for a referendum, that should suffice.

* Voting should be compulsory. Declining voting rates show the present system is not working (I suspect because many New Zealanders share my cynicism that their votes matter or that their politicians can be trusted to abide by the constitution we have).

* It should be illegal for New Zealand citizens or residents to be spied upon in any way by Government or its agencies unless there is clearly demonstrable evidence to suppose a crime punishable by imprisonment has been or is likely to be committed by the individuals concerned.

* Although it may not be justifiable, we pride ourselves on our 'clean, green' image. Yet our environment, and the rights of nature, are not currently protected at all in our constitution. Other countries are ahead of us on exploring this dimension.

* All decisions about changes to our electoral system need to be made in a bi-partisan manner or by referendum, with no ability for any political party to exercise direct influence on the process as has happened recently.

* It should not be possible for central Government to displace local duly elected representatives other than in cases of criminal negligence or deliberate wrongdoing.

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From: Yvonne Gwyther
To: <constitutionalreview@justice.govt.nz>
Date: 15/07/2013 12:33 p.m.
Subject: CAP Submission

I believe all Maori seats should be ABOLISHED. there is a good representation of Maori in Parliament already. All the in-fighting between the 2 Maori parties wastes so much time. We need to make quicker progress than we are with the Labour/Greens delaying every move. However, we are ALL New Zealanders. I have sympathy with the Pakeha Party but don't really see it as an option.

Regards

Yvonne Gwyther
Port Hills Electorate

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From: Yvonne Gwyther <
To: <constitutionalreview@justice.govt.nz>
Date: 15/07/2013 12:36 p.m.
Subject: CAP Submission

My vote is to ABOLISH Maori Parties. They can try on their own ability for a seat with the main parties as many Maori have already done. I went to Parliament for a petition on the parole board but also mentioned in my submission that we should ALL be New Zealanders, with equal rights. I feel very strongly about this.

Regards

Mike Read