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Texte p. 199 – “*Open letter to King Charles III from the National Iwi Chairs Forum and Nga Rangatira O Aotearoa*”, 14 novembre 2024.

14 November 2024

Tēnā koe e te Kingi Charles, We wish to raise a constitutional matter. In 1840, your ancestor Queen Victoria negotiated Te Tiriti o Waitangi with our Rangatira (leaders) ancestors. [...]

You will be aware that successive governments have breached¹ those agreements. In recent years, we have entered into a process to address those breaches, with the Crown's goal of honouring the promises of Te Tiriti O Waitangi. Our people have been very generous, settling for about 1% of what we are entitled to and gifting 99% back to the Crown and New Zealand communities. We have begun to build better relationships with the Crown and to develop some partnerships in developing legislation, policy and practices that affect our whānau² based on the promise and agreements of Te Tiriti o Waitangi.

However, your new coalition government elected on 14 October 2023 has promised to attack Te Tiriti o Waitangi and the rights of our whānau.

As a constitutional Monarch of the Crown and a descendant of Queen Victoria, we seek your intervention to ensure that the government does not diminish the Crown's honour. Please remind them to respect their responsibility to act as an honourable partner on your behalf³. We would welcome an opportunity to have regular contact with you or your office to build a closer relationship and realise the Tiriti “promise of two peoples to take the best possible care of each other.”

Below are the signatures of Rangatira from our whānau, hapū, Iwi⁴ and Māori organisations. Noho haumaru mai. Stay well.

Professor Margaret Mutu & Aperahama Edwards.

*(On behalf of the National Iwi Chairs Forum) Ngā
Rangatira o Aotearoa/Te Waipounamu 503 Signatures
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1. have broken 2. *communauté* 3. representing 4. Māori words for “tribes” and “sub-
tribes”