

1.

**Ki te marae ki waho nei, tena koe,**

**Ki te whare ko Te Tiriti o Waitangi, e tu nei mo ake tonu,**

**Ki nga mate ki runga I te paatu, haere, haere, moe ra**

**Ko Taratara te maunga, ko Whangaroa te moana**

**Ko Mamaru te waka**

**Ko Mangawhero te awa me te whenua**

**Ko Ngati Rangī Mata Momoe te hapu**

**I te taha o taku papa Ko Wiremu Te Waru Puru, no Horeke, Hokianga**

**I te taha o taku mama, Ko Kathleen Nellie Puru (nee Green).**

**Ko ahau, ko Doreen Puru, Mo Wai 1684**

**Ka huri au ki te reo pakeha. Kore au e kaha I te korero, engari, kei te ako au.**

2.

I RESPECTFULLY ACCEPT THAT THE TRIBUNAL HAS READ OUR STATEMENT OF POSITION. I'M GOING TO STEP AWAY FROM OUR STATEMENT OF POSITION AND TAUTOKO EVERYTHING THAT HAS BEEN SAID ON THE SIX THEMES. I'VE LISTENED TO 98% OF THEM AND WOW!! HOPEFULLY I CAN ADD SOMETHING TO THE KORERO AND MAYBE BRING SOME NEXT STEPS AND WHERE TO FROM HERE, FOR US.

3.

**DAVID SEYMOUR MAY HAVE DONE US A HUGE FAVOUR. IF HE WANTS TO GET RID OF**

**“THE MAORI PROBLEM”, IT’S PRETTY SIMPLE. GIVE US WHAT WE WANT AND WE WILL**

**GO AWAY AND GOVERN OURSELVES. HE’LL BE A HERO.**

- **GOVT WON’T HAVE TO FIND WAYS TO SOLVE OUR PROBLEMS**
- **THEY WON’T HAVE TO PAY OUT SETTLEMENT MONIES (hang on, hang on)**
- **THEY WON’T HAVE TO PUT UP WITH MAORI MP’S**
- **THEY WON’T HAVE TO INCARCERATE US**
- **THEY CAN JUST SIMPLY... LET US GO.**

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BUT WE WILL GO AWAY WITH:

- ALL THE LAND OWNED BY CROWN RETURNED TO US
- ONE HUGE FINANCIAL PACKAGE FOR WHAT THEY TOOK AND CAN'T GIVE BACK
- ALL OUR MATAURANGA AND TAONGA THEY HAVE HIDDEN IN THE BASEMENT OF THE BEEHIVE, RETURNED TO HAPU
- A CONSTITUTION THAT ENTRENCHES THE PRINCIPLES AND VALUES OF HE WAKAPUTANGA ME TE TIRITI.

5.

**SO THAT:**

- **WE CAN DIS-ESTABLISH THE MAORI LAND COURT AND HAVE HAPU AND WHENUA WITHOUT BOUNDARIES**
- **WE CAN CREATE OUR OWN EDUCATION SYSTEM BASED ON MATAURANGA MAORI TO GIVE OUR MOKOPUNA GROUNDING IN WHO THEY ARE SO THEY'RE ABLE TO NAVIGATE THEIR WAY IN THE NEW WORLD.**
- **IMAGINE HOW MANY TROUBLES THAT WILL SOLVE**
- **WE CAN SPEAK TE REO WITHOUT EMBARRASSMENT**
- **AND MANY, MANY OTHER THINGS, LIKE NO MAORI MPS**

6.

YES WELL, ALL GOOD IN ONE'S HEAD EH. REALITY IS... HOW DO WE MAKE THIS HAPPEN? MATIKE MAI HAS THE VALUES AND THE MODELS TO MAKE THIS HAPPEN, BUT WHAT NEXT? WHAT ARE OUR POSSIBLE NEXT STEPS?

7.

**FAR BE IT FROM ME TO TELL YOU WHAT TO DO, BUT I BELIEVE WE PRACTISE HAPUTANGA.**

- **GET A COPY OF MATIKE MAI AND CREATE A RESOURCE TO EDUCATE HAPU ABOUT THE CONSTITUTION AND MATIKE MAI**
- **ONCE HAPU ARE UP WITH THE PLAY, WE NEED TO GET AGREEMENTS FROM HAPU TO ENDORSE THE VALUES AND A MODEL TO HELP FORM THE CONSTITUTION.**

- **THIS HAS BEEN SAID BEFORE BUT IT IS IMPERATIVE WE INVOLVE RANGATAHI. IT'S THEIR HANDS WE'LL LEAVE THIS IN.**
- **NEXT... WE NEED TO ENGAGE THE CROWN. OUR MAORI MP'S ARE THE ONES WHO WILL INTRODUCE THE BILL INTO THE HOUSE, SO WE NEED THEM ON OUR SIDE. MAYBE A KORERO KANOHI KI TE KANOHI WITH THEM TO START WITH?**
- **NEXT... MAYBE... BEGIN DRAFTING A FULL CONSTITUTION? I HAVE NO CLUE HOW THAT WILL LOOK, EXCEPT WHAT WE HAVE IN MATIKE MAI WHICH HAS ALLLL THE ANSWERS.**

8.

THE KORERO NEEDED HAS BEEN HAPPENING FOR A LONG TIME NOW AND I BELIEVE AFTER THE WAITANGI TRIBUNAL HAS PRODUCED THEIR REPORT, IT WILL BE TIME TO MOVE THE KORERO TO THE PUBLIC ARENA AND THAT COULD TAKE MANY FORMS, BUT WE CAN START NOW, WITH THE POWER BASE WE HAVE AT OUR FINGERTIPS.. NGA HAPU.

9.

**SO TO SUMMARISE WHAT I THINK COULD BE POSSIBLE NEXT STEPS:**

1. **PRACTISE HAPUTANGA AND EDUCATE WHANAU AND HAPU ABOUT THE CONSTITUTION AND GET AGREEMENTS FOR THE VALUES AND MODELS.**
2. **INVOLVE RANGATAHI**
3. **MAYBE HAVE KORERO WITH HAPU AND MAORI MPS**
4. **BEGIN DRAFTING A FULL CONSTITUTION**

10.

I WANT TO THANK THE TRIBUNAL FOR ALLOWING ME TO AIR MY WHAKAARO AND ALSO NGA HUNGA WHAKARONGO FOR LISTENING TO MY KORERO.

TINO NUI TE MIHI MAHANA KI A KOUTOU.