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Tikanga for Parliamentary pōwhiri

Tēnā koe

E mihi tonu ana ki a koe, ā koutou hoki e hāere mai ana ki runga o Waitangi ki te whakanui i te kaupapa o te Tiriti o Waitangi.

This is to confirm and advise on aspects of the tikanga for the Parliamentary pōwhiri and panel discussion at Te Whare Rūnanga, Waitangi Treaty Grounds on 5 February 2023, commencing at 11.30 am. We hope these arrangements will bring a more focused and inclusive engagement to this part of our Waitangi Commemorations.

The Pōwhiri

The manuhiri expected to attend are representatives of those political parties currently in Parliament. To establish an order of response to the pōwhiri, we invite you to arrange a kaikōrero from your party, who will be someone other than the political leader who will speak at the panel discussion following the pōwhiri and kai.

Please know that as manuhiri, you will be afforded the traditional three pronged challenge karanga and haka whakatau. It is suggested that each of the speakers from the five parties arrange amongst themselves who will be the three to pick up the challenge, with the remaining two in close attendance. This will give a clear indication to the taumata as to who the respondents to the mihi whakatau will be.

You will then all be called onto the marae ātea, where you will stand momentarily before the Whare Rūnanga and at that point, we will all silently remember and contemplate those who have left our mortal world. You will then be ushered to seating provided to the right of the marae ātea with males to be seated in the front row. Female party-political leaders will be seated on the mahau to the right accompanied by esteemed Taitokerau kuia.

The Whakatau

A karakia will begin the proceedings followed by the mihi whakatau from the Taumata tangata whenua. The five kaikōrero from the manuhiri will then be invited to respond. The final kaikōrero will come from the tangata whenua. The predominant language will be te reo Māori.

With COVID-19 still prevalent, the traditional harirū and hongī may be set aside by arrangement on the day in favour of a representative from each side preserving the health and safety of the rest in attendance. The pōwhiri will conclude with the sharing of kai in a marquee standing adjacent to the Whare Rūnanga, which has been prepared in your honour. Please note that the kai is very much part of the pōwhiri and therefore, we ask that all manuhiri move directly to the marquee following the harirū.

Ngā Whare Korero: Panel discussion

Immediately following the kai, everyone is invited back to the marae ātea for a panel discussion.

The panel discussion is named 'Nga Whare Kōrero', which refers to the metaphorical conversation between the Whare Rūnanga and the Treaty House about the promise of Te Tiriti o Waitangi. This will be an opportunity to hear the elected leaders of our five parliamentary parties present their views as part of a panel discussion, alongside five tangata whenua kaikōrero.

Each speaker will be given up to six minutes to address the gathering on three questions posed by the panel facilitator. These questions will be:

1. What does the theme for this year's commemorations 'He iwi tahi tātou' or 'Together we are a nation' signify?
2. What is the ongoing promise of Te Tiriti o Waitangi?
3. Where do we want to be as a nation by the bicentennial of the signing of Te Tiriti in 2040?

This part of the program will run between 1pm and 2.30pm. The final speaker in Ngā Whare Kōrero will be the Prime Minister. As it is with our tradition, returning the mauri of the marae to the safe keeping of the taumata affords the final summation on the outcome of the day to be given by the haukāinga.

Media

A special area will be cordoned off for the media so that media interviews can take place immediately following Ngā Whare Korero (2.30-3pm).

We look forward to seeing you at the Waitangi Day commemorations this year.

If you have any questions or further matters to discuss, please do not hesitate to contact our office on 09 402 7437.

Kia kaha rā tātou, kia ū, kia manawaroa.



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