



## **Hon Nanaia Mahuta**

### *Leadership and the Kīngitanga*

The role of the Kīngitanga and its contribution to the social and economic transformation of Māori provides a focal point for this presentation. Part of this discussion will touch on the leadership traits of key figures, the motivation for transformative leadership and the values and principles of a movement that has withstood the test of time. The Kīngitanga movement could now be seen to be at an important crossroads that challenges previous notions of leadership – what are the inherent characteristics of leadership that will help navigate a way forward?

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