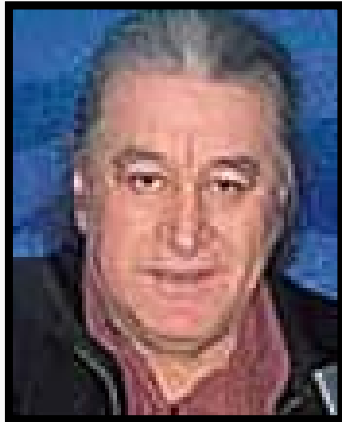




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Te Mana i Waitangi – Human Rights and the Treaty of Waitangi

The Treaty provides a Turangawaewae for all Aotearoa citizens and requires the Crown and Rangatira to work in partnership so the full realisation of human rights are achieved for all. TeHuia will explain the framework the Human Rights Commission has developed to assist people to discuss and understand the human rights dimension of the Treaty of Waitangi. It has been developed from more than 400 workshops and education sessions throughout the country and promotes the Treaty as: *the promise of two peoples to take the best possible care of each other; the founding document of our nation; and belonging to all of us.*

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