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Te Awanuiarangi Black (Awanui) is married with five children. He lectures and coordinates Māori medium initial teacher education at Te Wānanga-o-Raukawa in Otaki and is a commissioner on Te Taura Whiri i Te Reo Māori (Māori Language Commission). He has a passion for te ao Māori. He was one of the writers of *He Pātaka Kupu* the first comprehensive monolingual Māori language dictionary, has written language revitalisation plans for his iwi and is a keen composer of traditional literature. His tribal affiliations include Ngāti Pūkenga, Ngāi Te Rangi, Ngāti Ranginui and Ngāti Raukawa ki Otaki. He is also a negotiator for Ngāti Pūkenga Treaty of Waitangi claims and lives on the shores of the Rangataua in Tauranga Moana.