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Water, like oxygen, is essential to all animal life. Water is in a constant state of flux and moves around the planet at the will of nature. Water is not peculiar to any time or place. Water belongs to no one.

It is thus ludicrous to propose assigning participation of governance and management of water to any unelected, undemocratic, and racial minority. Thus, the government's proposal to involve Maori in such governance and management is unnecessary, undemocratic and insupportable.

The Treaty of Waitangi ceded sovereignty of New Zealand to the British Crown, conveyed to the Maori the rights and privileges of British Subjects and the continued possession of their property. Nothing more, nothing less. No mention of partnership or principles.

If enacted, the proposal will be divisive, undemocratic and lead to racial friction.

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