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*A Statement on the Treaty of Waitangi in Today's Perspective by NZ Catholic Bishops*

*During 1995 especially our country has been faced by the question of justice in the settlement of grievances resulting from past failures to implement the requirements of Te Tiriti o Waitangi / The Treaty of Waitangi. All New Zealanders who know something of the history of the last 155 years admit that justice has not been done and that the partnership, signified by the two languages at Waitangi, has not been honoured. Confiscated or appropriated land continues to be a cause of conflict in parts of the country; tino rangatiratanga has not been recognised; frustration at the lack of progress has deepened....*

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The Mayor of Auckland, Phil Goff  
Councillors, Auckland Council

Dear Mayor and Councillors

31 July 2019

We are writing to express our strong support on your decision to invite all parties involved in the Ihumātao land dispute to find a just and long lasting solution. The participants must include the leaders of the land occupation, Save Our Unique Landscape (SOUL).

Indeed, the Council has a special responsibility in this matter due to its decision to zone the land as Special Housing Area. This ill-conceived decision has removed the right of mana whenua to determine the future of their land.

Now, we look forward to seeing the Council playing a positive role in achieving a just solution at Ihumātao. We emphasise the very helpful part once played by the Manukau City Council in setting aside land for public use and preventing construction on which is now SHA62.

Thank you for your attention.

Ka Sing Yeung, Chair  
Rangi Davis, Member: Bi-cultural Committee  
Chris Sullivan (Deacon), Leader: Ihumātao Response Team