



REPORT TO PARLIAMENT

OFFICIAL VISIT TO NEW ZEALAND

26 – 29 APRIL 2023

THE HONOURABLE CRAIG CRAWFORD MP

MINISTER FOR SENIORS AND DISABILITY SERVICES

**MINISTER FOR ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER
PARTNERSHIPS**

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SUMMARY

The purpose of this visit was to meet with key members of the New Zealand Government and Chief Executives of the Departments responsible for Treaties, prior to the Queensland Government Path to Treaty Bill 2023 being debated in the Queensland Parliament.

The Path to Treaty Bill 2023 was introduced to the Queensland Parliament on 22 February 2023 by the Premier and referred to the Community Support and Services Committee (the Committee) for detailed consideration.

The Committee report was tabled on 21 April 2023. Recommendation 7 of report was 'The committee recommends those responsible consider the New Zealand Waitangi Treaty framework and principles, among other jurisdictions, as models to inform the Queensland'.

The objectives of the visit were to deepen understandings and identify learnings from the New Zealand Treaty process build relationships with key stakeholders.

The visit met its objectives and laid the foundations for ongoing engagement with relevant parties. It also provided examples of Treaties between Governments and First Nations peoples having great long term beneficial outcomes for all citizens.

PROGRAM

WEDNESDAY | 26 APRIL

TIMING	PARTICULARS
12.10pm – 2.20pm	FLIGHT Qantas QF0713 Cairns to Brisbane
3.10pm – 4.45pm	FLIGHT Qantas QF0539 Brisbane to Sydney
6.40pm – 11.50pm	FLIGHT Qantas QF0163 Sydney to Wellington, NZ
	ACCOMMODATION Travelodge Wellington, 2-6 Gilmer Terrace, Wellington

THURSDAY | 27 APRIL

TIMING	PARTICULARS
9.45am – 11.15am	Meeting with Acting Chief Executive (Glenn Webber) and Deputy Chief Executives (Tui Marsh and Kelly Dunn) of Te Arawhiti – Office for Maori Crown Relations, Level 3, Justice Centre, 19 Aitken Street, Thorndon Wellington
11.15am – 12.15pm	Meeting with Port Nicholson Settlement Block Trustees, Level 3, Justice Centre, 19 Aitken Street, Thorndon Wellington
1.10pm – 1.50pm	He Tohu – Treaty of Waitangi Exhibition: guided visit, National Library, 70 Molesworth Street, Thorndon, Wellington
2.00pm - 2.45pm	Meeting with Minister Ginny Andersen, Associate Minister for Treaty of Waitangi Negotiations and for Seniors, Beehive, Wellington
	ACCOMMODATION Travelodge Wellington, 2-6 Gilmer Terrace, Wellington

FRIDAY | 28 APRIL

TIMING	PARTICULARS
9.00am – 11.30am	Meeting with Judge Stephanie Reeves, Deputy Chairperson of the Waitangi Tribunal, Level 7, Fujitsu Tower 141 The Terrace Wellington / Te Whanganui-ā-Tara
1.00pm – 2.00pm	Meeting with Tame Malcolm, Deputy Director-General Treaty Partnerships, Department of Conservation, Conservation House, 8 - 32 Manners Street, Te Aro, Wellington
2.30pm – 3.30pm	Meeting with High Commissioner- Harinder Sidhu, 72 Hobson St Wellington
6.30pm – 8.30pm	Meeting with Minister Kelvin Davis, Minister for Māori Crown Relations: Te Arawhiti, Minister for Children, Minister of Corrections and Associate Minister of Education, 16 Marjoribanks Street, Mt Victoria, Wellington
	ACCOMMODATION Travelodge Wellington, 2-6 Gilmer Terrace, Wellington

SATURDAY | 29 APRIL

TIMING	PARTICULARS
6am – 7.45am	FLIGHT Qantas QF0162 Wellington NZ to Sydney
9.35am – 12.50pm	FLIGHT Qantas QF0922 Sydney to Cairns

MINISTER'S OFFICIAL DELEGATION

The Honourable Craig Crawford MP, Minister for Seniors and Disability Services and Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships

Ms Talitha Ware, Senior Policy Advisor, Office of the Minister for Seniors and Disability Services and Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships

Corrine McMillan MP, Chair of the Community Support and Services Committee and Member for Mansfield

MEETING SUMMARIES

Meeting with the Office for Maori Crown Relations

Meeting purpose:

The Minister met with Acting Chief Executive, Glenn Webber and Deputy Chief Executives Tui Marsh and Kelly Dunn of Te Arawhiti – Office for Maori Crown Relations. The Maori Crown Relations is the departmental agency responsible for Treaty Settlements, Takutai Moana (Marine and Coastal Area), Māori Crown Relations and Settlement Commitments. Discussions centred around the department's role in the Treaty process from a Government agency perspective and learnings that can be applied to a Queensland model.

Meeting with Port Nicholson Settlement Block Trustees

Meeting purpose:

The Minister met with members of the Port Nicholson Block Settlement Trust. The Port Nicholson Block Settlement Trust was established in August 2008 to receive and manage the Treaty settlement package for Taranaki Whānui ki Te Upoko o Te Ika. Discussions centred on affects of the Treaty process from the perspective of an iwi.

Tour of He Tohu – Treaty of Waitangi Exhibition and Traditional Welcome

Meeting purpose:

The Minister toured the He Tohu, an exhibition of 3 iconic constitutional documents that shape Aotearoa New Zealand including the Te Tiriti o Waitangi – Treaty of Waitangi. A mihi whakatau (traditional welcome) was also given to the Minister.

Meeting with Minister Ginny Andersen, Associate Minister for Treaty of Waitangi Negotiations and for Seniors

Meeting purpose:

The Minister met with Minister Ginny Andersen in her capacity as Associate Minister for Treaty of Waitangi Negotiations. Discussions centred around the New Zealand Governments role in Treaty negotiations and learnings that can be applied to Queensland's Path to Treaty. The Ministers also discussed the ongoing relationship between their respective departments and the assistance and advice that New Zealand can provide Queensland in the Path to Treaty.

Meeting with the Waitangi Tribunal

Meeting purpose:

The Minister met with Judge Stephanie Reeves, Deputy Chairperson of the Waitangi Tribunal. The Waitangi Tribunal was established as a permanent commission of inquiry to inquire into claims by Māori of breaches of Te Tiriti by the Crown. Judge Reeves briefed the Minister on the role of the tribunal and how it conducts inquiries, and learnings from the New Zealand process that can be applied to Queensland's Truth Telling Inquiry.

Meeting with the Department of Conservation

Meeting purpose:

The Minister received a briefing from Tame Malcolm, Deputy Director-General Treaty Partnerships, Department of Conservation regarding their role in the Treaty process. The conservation co-governance and joint administration arrangements feature heavily in New Zealand Treaty settlements. Discussions centred around how government departments enact settled treaties and enact the New Zealand Treaty principles in their day to day business.

Meeting with High Commissioner Harinder Sidhu

Meeting purpose:

The Minister met with the High Commissioner and provided an update on Queensland's Path to Treaty progress. The Minister also briefed the High Commissioner on his meetings in New Zealand.

Meeting with Minister Kelvin Davis, Minister for Māori Crown Relations: Te Arawhiti, Minister for Children, Minister of Corrections and Associate Minister of Education

Meeting purpose:

The Minister met with Minister Kelvin Davis in his capacity as Minister for Māori Crown Relations. Discussions centred round the Crown's work towards fostering strong, ongoing and effective relationships with Māori across Government.