## **Time for Change: Community discussion**

## Third Order Society of St Francis, Auckland

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## Our core values:

Hospitality. Humility. Compassion towards self and others.

Freedom. Fairness. Integrity. Honesty. Peace and reconciliation. Happiness.

Liberty.

The outcomes we want from the constitutional arrangements:

## Freedom of

- expression
- peaceful protest
- worship
- press

Equal social and economic rights in

- health
- education
- justice
- housing
- work
- water
- environment
- food
- social security

Civil and political rights

- privacy
- protest

Education at all levels of society of civic ethics

Constitutional arrangements that could achieve our desired outcomes:

The majority of our group were of the opinion that a written Constitution is needed. It is to be written in Maori and English. This document to include

- a preamble to the written Constitution which will include the Declaration of the Rights of Indigenous People and the intent of Te Tiriti o Waitangi. The intent of the above two documents must be integrated within the written Constitution.
- aspects of the International Declaration of Indigenous Rights constitution which takes account of self determination and use this alongside Te Tiriti o Waitangi
- the Bill of Rights with a constitutional protection of the rights of humans and the environment to be enshrined.
- all of the Outcomes in our common life as listed above

Stewardship of

- resources
- environment

Protection and recognition

- of indigenous rights as enshrined in Te Tiriti o Waitangi and the Declaration of the Rights of Indigenous People
- for human rights and
- the environment

Transparent and representative government

- local
- national

Protection of our children

Strong community - community building

Recognition of the importance of reconciliation and peace

- local
- national
- international

Fair, humane, and culturally appropriate justice system

 Independent commissioners with authority to review and advise the government on their decisions - there was quite some discussion around this point with the question of the need for the restoration of a second house, so that legislation cannot be passed into law inappropriately.