**The Treaty Principles Bill**

**Proposed Submission - 2024**

The Treaty Principles Bill, proposed by the Act Party, is expected to be introduced into Parliament this year.  The National Party has agreed to support the First Reading which means it will be referred to a Parliamentary Select Committee for discussion but is likely to go no further as the National Party has reaffirmed it will not support it past the committee stage.  However, the debate in the Select Committee is likely to be robust and important.

Some members of the Williams family who have been actively involved in treaty discussions and Māori relationships, especially with Te Tii Marae, consider it would be fruitful to make a submission as part of this process. This will refer to Henry Williams’ contribution to the Treaty formation and the support thereafter by these members of the Williams family to the concepts outlined in the Treaty of Waitangi.