

Our constitutional links, and some prominent links

	Cook Islands	Niue	Tokelau	Samoa	Nauru	Banaba
Annexed into New Zealand	1901	1901	1948			
Assumed control			1926 – taking over for Britain	1914 – War time possession from Germany		
Trusteeship					1923 LON mandate (AU, UK + NZ)	
Business exploitation					Connected to Banaba	1919 – Through the joint UK, AU & NZ “Pacific Phosphate Company” Coupled alongside Nauru but expressed with Kiribati
Relationship context in 2022	Free Association 04.08.1965	Free Association 19.10.1974	“Dependent Territory”	Independent in 1962. Partner of NZ’s only Treaty of Friendship & a 2002 Apology		

What did the Dawn Raids apology acknowledge

- Pacific Peoples filled labour shortages in the 1950's post war boom. Immigration settings were relaxed.
- New Zealand citizens, and documented peoples rights were not protected including Tangata Whenua, Niuean's, Cook Islanders, Tokelauans.
- Pacific people made up 1/3 of overstayers and yet 86% of prosecutions.
- These actions have created cross generation distress, and contributes to distrust and lack faith in authorities. That this must never happen again.
- That our country must eliminate all racism

<https://www.beehive.govt.nz/speech/speech-dawn-raids-apology>

What did the apology signal is the way forward

“It is my sincere hope that this apology will go some way in helping the Pacific youth of today know, with certainty, that they have every right to hold their head up high, and feel confident & proud of their Pacific heritage, & in particular the sacrifices their parents & grandparents have made for Aotearoa New Zealand.” – PM Rt Hon Jacinda Ardern

- That the Government and country should “honour Pacific ways of seeking reconciliation...[and] restore the balance from past wrongs.”
- Communities will be resourced to create a historical account and there will be increased education opportunities. We can support people in affected communities we know to participate.
- That we must all work together to strengthen community and eliminate racism. Our documentary with the Polynesian Panther Party Legacy Trust can help support this - <https://youtu.be/tkOT6mnu9m0>

HRH Princess Mele Siu'ilikutapu of Tonga

“the apology is a move in the right direction of the healing process... as a beginning of a caring, closer and better relationship between your Government and future leaders, and our Pacific peoples at large.

The gifts are significant, very significant - indeed it symbolises the Government intention to mend the va with my communities.

In that regard I accept the apology. However, love you Jacinda, the va could be better and complete should the Government promptly respond to the immigration-related needs of our community...”

<https://youtu.be/k2R7ssUxjxU>

He Ara Oranga – Pathways to wellbeing

- Knowing New Zealand's stories in the Pacific
- Visibility of our constitutional relationships everywhere e.g. our climate action
- Enabling further growth of pre-Treaty Tangata whenua & Tagata Moana va.
- Consciously reviewing the role of authority to shift to a model of empower voices of the communities
- Pacific trauma informed support and restorative justice is embedded

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