

# Chief's Swear Alliance to the Queen at Kohimarama Conference.

1860 – Kohimarama Conference

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The Kohimarama Conference was held in Auckland in July 1860 and was attended by over 200 chiefs mainly from the North Island. It was one of the largest and the most influential Maori gatherings ever held. The conference revealed the nature of Maori comprehension of the Treaty signed 20 years earlier; in fact it was referred to as a covenant between Maori and European, not Maori and the Crown. Some chiefs were afraid the government might use the King Movement in the Waikato to abrogate the Treaty, a threat that had been made by the Governor and argued in favour of a renewed commitment to the Treaty. *"Do not consent that the Treaty should be for the Europeans alone, but let us take it for ourselves. Let this meeting be joined to the Treaty of Waitangi, let us urge upon the Government not to withhold it from us".*

The Conference finished with a resolution passed unanimously at the last session. *“That this conference takes cognisance of the fact that several chiefs, members thereof, are pledged to each other to do nothing inconsistent with their declared recognition of the Queen’s sovereignty, and of the unions of the two races”.* (No partnership with Crown)

For full report see, <http://www.nzetc.org/tm/scholarly/tei-BIM504Kohi-t1-g1-t1-body1-d2.html>