

The Corruption Starts at the Top!

Andrew Ketels,

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Office of Hon Maggie Barry ONZM,

Minister for Arts, Culture and Heritage, Minister of Conservation, Minister for Seniors

Dear Andrew,

I am sure the people of New Zealand will be surprised to know the Minister of Arts, Culture and Heritage is quite happy for Te Papa to mislead its 1.5 million visitors a year of their true history.

So the corruption starts at the top!

The Minister's letter and this reply will appear on our website, www.onenzfoundation.co.nz as the people have a right to know the Ministers views.

Regards,

Ross Baker.

Researcher, One New Zealand Foundation Inc.



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Dear Ross

I acknowledge your email, dated 21 August 2016, regarding your concern that the Treaty of Waitangi exhibit at Te Papa misrepresents New Zealand's history.

It should be noted that, under the Museum of New Zealand Te Papa Tongarewa Act 1992, the Minister for Arts, Culture and Heritage may not give a direction to Te Papa's Board in relation to cultural matters.

Decisions about what aspects of New Zealand's history are displayed are a matter for Te Papa. I am satisfied that Te Papa's history curators do an excellent job in this regard.

I understand that you have been advised by Te Papa and the Ministry for Culture and Heritage that there are no current plans to redevelop the Treaty of Waitangi exhibition, but that your views have been considered along with the views of other members of the public.

Thank you for raising this matter with me.

Yours sincerely

Hon Maggie Barry ONZM
Minister for Arts, Culture and Heritage