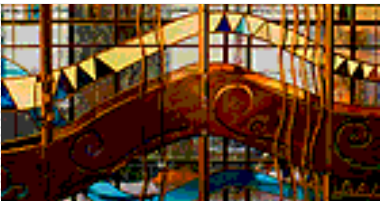


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## INTANGIBLE CULTURAL HERITAGE CONVENTION: ISSUES FROM A NEW ZEALAND PERSPECTIVE



# Background to New Zealand position on the Convention

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- ❑ Convention adopted in 2003 - New Zealand abstained
- ❑ New Zealand strongly supportive of concept of safeguarding intangible cultural heritage
- ❑ But - concerns about provisions of the Convention



# Issues for New Zealand

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## Definition of Intangible Cultural Heritage:

- ❑ Intangible and tangible heritage inextricably linked
- ❑ For Māori “language” is not simply a vehicle for transmission of cultural heritage



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## Definition of Safeguarding needs clarity

- ❑ “identification, documentation, research, preservation” implies access to knowledge without permission
- ❑ “protection” implies limitation on development of intangible heritage

## Cultural Property of Indigenous Peoples

- ❑ Not referred to in Convention – importance of Māori heritage



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## The Inventory

- ❑ Māori sceptical about benefits of inventories
- ❑ Potential loss of control of information

## Relationship to other international agreements

- ❑ Possible conflict with GATT, GATS



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## Costs versus benefits

- ❑ Benefits to New Zealand unclear at this stage
- ❑ There are costs:
  - ❑ Developing inventories
  - ❑ Supporting education, access, research etc
  - ❑ Membership fee
  - ❑ Reporting and representation



# Current New Zealand Support for Intangible Cultural Heritage

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- ❑ Archives New Zealand
- ❑ National Library of New Zealand
- ❑ Ministry of Economic Development
- ❑ Department of Internal Affairs
- ❑ Maori Language Commission
- ❑ Te Matatini
- ❑ Creative New Zealand / Te Waka Toi / Iwi radio
- ❑ TVNZ / Radio New Zealand / Maori Television
- ❑ Historic Places Trust
- ❑ Te Papa
- ❑ New Zealand Symphony Orchestra
- ❑ Kohanga reo / language nests / Kura kaupapa / wananga
- ❑ New Zealand Maori Arts and Crafts Institute



# WHERE TO FROM HERE?

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- ❑ New Zealand is not opposed to the Convention but is cautious
- ❑ Extensive public consultation required, particularly with Maori
- ❑ Broad agreement would need to be reached about how New Zealand approaches development of the inventory
- ❑ This work is planned but will require significant resources

