

Biculturalism & multiculturalism

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Maori Sovereignty - The Pakeha Perspective (Editor: Carol Archie)

Maori Sovereignty - The Maori Perspective (Editor Hineani Melbourne)

were published by Hodder Moa Beckett in 1995.

In these two volumes, 35 New Zealander with a wide range of backgrounds were interviewed about their views of Maori Sovereignty and I was one of them. Because the publishers would not allow me to reproduce my chapter, I have paraphrased it.

It was my first opportunity to set down my thoughts on biculturalism in New Zealand. I have given the matter much thought since - for which see below.

The Chinese in a Bicultural New Zealand - the way forward was a paper I presented at a conference in Dunedin in 1998 and sets out the historical and constitutional background to biculturalism and suggests that the way forward for the Chinese in New Zealand involves accepting biculturalism and adapting to it. The paper includes several Appendices.

In October 2004 I was invited by the Human Rights Commission to speak about Human Rights and the Treaty of

Waitangi - a view from the Asian Community

In November 2005 I spoke about The Treaty of Waitangi and Human Rights - from bicultural to multicultural at the Human Rights, The Treaty of Waitangi and Asian Communities Symposium - sponsored by the Human Rights Commission.

In 2005 and 2006 I wrote some masters research essays:

From Assimilation to Multiculturalism -

Evidence of an evolving model for the Chinese community in New Zealand from 1950 to the present.

The Role and Influence of the Waitangi Tribunal on our emerging multicultural society

Migrants and the Waitangi Tribunal

Can the Chinese support the Report on the Orakei Claim?

The New Zealand First Party has promoted a Bill to delete the Principles of the Treaty of Waitangi from all legislation. The New Zealand Chinese Association made a written submission to the Justice and Electoral Select Committee of Parliament opposing this Bill. Later it made oral submissions to expand on its view.