

# **NEW MINISTRY OF “PAKEHA AFFAIRS”?**

**Rt. Hon Winston Peters**

**Press Release**

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Rt Hon Winston Peters has suggested that a new Ministry of Pakeha Affairs be set up to counter the separatist race-based policies and programmes of National and the Maori Party.

Mr Peters told a Grey Power audience in Christchurch this evening that throughout his political career he had always campaigned for one law for all and for every New Zealander to be treated equally but the situation had changed dramatically in recent years.

“The Maori Party flew its separatist flag on Waitangi Day, the foreshore and seabed is being opened to seizure in the guise of customary title, and now millions of taxpayer dollars are to be siphoned off social services for the race-based Whanau Ora programme.

“Whanau Ora is supposed to mean 'healthy families' but we believe that in practical terms it actually means 'a new gravy train' for the Maori Party and its supporters.”

“Whanau Ora is belatedly being touted as available to all New Zealanders – irrespective of race - but it is actually sold to Maori as a bold Maori-based welfare initiative. It is certainly not an inclusive programme.

“Perhaps the time is ripe to set up a counter programme called 'Pakeha Aura' – so the group that make up the majority of the population have their own system as well.

“Maori have always done well when facing challenges on equal terms with everyone else. No country in the world has ever progressed its people by setting up separate systems for them and treating them differently,” said Mr Peters.

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