

**Subject:** Useful research for negotiations between political parties

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Kia ora,

Given that the current negotiations will determine the constitutional arrangements for governing our country over the next 3 years, we want to highlight a few publications that may be of particular interest at this time.

## **KEY PUBLICATIONS**

### **1. Working Paper 2023/03 – Appearances of the Treaty/te Tiriti in New Zealand Legislation**

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The first looks at the current state of the Treaty/te Tiriti in statute law. This provides a baseline analysis for ACT's suggested Treaty Principles Act and referendum. It also provides a list of legislation that may need to be amended if NZ First's suggestion to remove references to the Treaty/te Tiriti is progressed. The paper offers an understanding of the framework that currently exists and highlights some issues for consideration.

### **2. Working Paper 2020/07 – Analysis of the 2017 Labour-New Zealand First Coalition Agreement, three years on**

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### **3. Working Paper 2020/08 – Analysis of the 2017 Labour-Green Party Confidence and Supply Agreement, three years on**

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### **4. Working Paper 2020/11 – A List of Coalition Agreements and Support Agreements since 1996**

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These three papers may help those designing and writing coalition, confidence and supply, or cooperation agreements. It illustrates the importance of providing sufficient detail to not only inform the political

parties but also the wider public of New Zealand. We all have a vested interest in durable and transparent government.

## **5. Book – COVID-19 Nation Dates: A timeline of significant events in Aotearoa New Zealand's COVID-19 pandemic**

Both ACT and NZ First have indicated a need for further inquiry into COVID-19 management as a way of positioning the country better for further pandemics. The three political parties may be interested in the Institute's April 2023 book which contains 430 events, grouped under one of ten domains and 30 threads. Hard copies were sent to all MPs on 13 April 2023. A second edition is planned for May 2024.

## **6. Discussion Paper 2023/03 – National and International Comparisons of Codes of Conduct for Members of Parliament**

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New Zealand currently does not have a Code of Conduct for Members of Parliament. This is something the Institute believes is essential, particularly given recent incidents. We need a high level of trust in Parliament and call on all three political parties to support this initiative in their negotiations.

## **7. Discussion Paper 2023/01 – BIG Ideas: Brief to the Incoming Government (B.I.G.)**

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In February 2023 the Institute brought together a list of policy ideas from our patrons and others. It contains seven BIG policy actions. Ideas that we think deserve urgent attention are a Department of Oceans and a commitment to durable public policy on climate change.

## **SUMMARY**

In the interests of a trusted, transparent and durable government, these publications aim to offer useful insights and analysis to party leaders, negotiators and those writing coalition, confidence and supply, or cooperation agreements. We hope these publications prove useful in the formation of those arrangements.

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Best wishes,

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