

Legal Personality

The Rights of Nature, or

Restoring Maori Customary rights

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Abstract: This seminar describes the developing recognition of Maori interests in natural features by eliminating ownership of these features and replacing it with a unique new tenure arrangement. The Whanganui River and Te Urewera are examples where the Crown has granted a natural feature the status of a legal personality – it owns itself. While this is not exactly restoring indigenous rights (customary tenure) in the feature, it is a big step for a government otherwise committed to the philosophy of private and exclusive ownership (western land tenure).



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