



BUCKINGHAM PALACE

I am delighted to send my good wishes to all those celebrating the opening of the exhibition “He Tohu”, housing three of New Zealand’s most important constitutional documents – the Declaration of Independence, the Treaty of Waitangi, and the Women’s Suffrage Petition.

I am sure this new exhibition will give many people, from New Zealand and from around the world, the opportunity to learn more about these historical documents, and to reflect on their enduring importance to New Zealand and its people.

The Declaration, the Treaty and the Petition each remind us that when a set of values, based on equality, participation and respect, are put down in writing and signed by many, they can become a powerful and abiding symbol of hope and inspiration for the future.