

## NZ Treaties--Broken Treaty Promise

Treaties between Indigenous people often hide poor intentions by colonial invaders and their rules of power. In NZ unconscionable conduct by the Crown in th was shown

### **South island trickery - Te Waipounamu**

In NZ the 1860s land invasion of the South invasion broke promises to the Maori iwi (tribe) of Ngai Tahu. Government officials caused part of the problem by blocking written appeals. This was the story told by elder Sir Tipene O'Regan about lost lands, lost farming production and blocks to ceremonial burial sites.

This treaty history of stolen lands was recorded by researcher, Harry Evison in his book *Ngai Tahu Land Rights and the Crown Pastoral Lease Lands in the South Island of New Zealand*.

Evison's research was presented to the Waitangi Commission as its first test case. In 1996 this Royal Commission of infinite length awarded the Ngai Tahu \$NZ170 million, return of farmland and access to ceremonial burial sites. Broken Promises were fixed !

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