A protestor flies the tino rangatiratanga flag at a hikoi during the New Zealand foreshore and seabed controversy. Note also the presence of other flags, including the United Tribes flag.

In April 2004 a hikoi began in Northland in protest against proposed government legislation which would vest ownership of New Zealand’s foreshore and seabed in the Crown. The hikoi arrived in Wellington on 5 May 2004, after picking up numerous supporters on the way south.

Other information
- Law of the foreshore and seabed (Te Ara)
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Community contributions

Kelvin Bond 14 Feb 2010
I am a teacher at a University in China. Since Britain abandoned NZ for the euro community I have believed we need to adopt a pure kiwi identity. . . .
get rid of the Union Jack on our flag, I think the black back-ground and silver fern is beautiful but would like to see us retain the Southern Cross as it is currently, red/white but with a blue edge. We are nzhistory.net.nz/.../foreshore-and-sea...
Oceania, and as we now realise that the western doctrine on the threat of China is flawed, it is time for us to embrace this nation that we have close links to, support its passive policy and work hard on bettering the life of all peoples in this wonderful part of the world.