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I am totally opposed to selling off these particular assets that belong to all New Zealanders. Having attended the Consultation Hui here in Whanganui, I believe the Government is trying to create divisions again between Pakeha New Zealanders and Maori. The Treaty of Waitangi as the founding document of this nation has proven its value under Section 9 - "*Nothing in this Act shall permit the Crown to act in a manner that is inconsistent with the principles of the Treaty of Waitangi*". Until the outstanding Claims on these SOEs' are settled the Crown is creating further division in our society.

Most New Zealand buyers' of shares will be aware of the Crown's obligations under the Treaty and the term "Caveat Emptor" should apply to any sale process. As far as foreign buyers, then the same term applies - these are New Zealand assets, for sale under New Zealand terms and conditions.

Iwi here in Whanganui have waited patiently for the Crown to settle the Whanganui River Trust Board Claim on the Whanganui River. The Deputy Prime Minister, Bill English acknowledged at the Consultation Hui that our patience has been sorely tested, and yet we wait and wait and wait. Surely, the process should be settle the Treaty Claims first and foremost. I also find the process of setting a limited timeframe does not allow for Iwi and Pakeha New Zealanders to fully engage and comprehend the injustice.

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