



APPENDICES MINUTES

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GENERATION CHAIR DECLARATION

The Generation Chair is a reminder of the tamariki and future generations yet to come. The choices made today will shape their world and it is up to us to protect their rights and well-being.

We the rangatahi, the youth of today, declare that we will be kaitiaki for our whenua, wai, and rangi making sure we take care of Papatūānuku for those who come after us.

We declare that the Generation Chair is here to remind everyone that what we do today will affect our mokopuna, our descendants. We need to make decisions that are good for the future and show guardianship for all living things.

We declare that as kaitiaki, we have to realise the decisions we make today will impact the future. Let's make sure our choices respect our whakapapa, our connections and keep them strong between us, our ancestors, and the generations to come.

We declare that every new law or rule should help protect our future. The Generation Chair will remind everyone in charge to put future generations first in their decisions.

We declare that we will think about manaakitanga, we will care for others and our world. We need to hold ourselves accountable and make sure we're doing the right thing as kaitiaki.

The Generation Chair stands for our promise to create a fair and sustainable future. Let it always remind us to leave behind a legacy of hope, prosperity, and justice for every generation to come.

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THE GENERATION CHAIR



The Goal of the Generation Chair

The Generation Chair stands as a powerful symbol, reminding us to prioritise the rights and well-being of not only today's youth but also future generations along with all other species and ecosystems. It represents the vastly different futures dependent on decisions made, and action taken, in this room.

The Process of Making the Chair

We designed and created the Generation Chair by incorporating various elements to depict two possible futures. We used different materials and symbols to show both the negative and positive outcomes of our actions regarding the climate crisis.

Significance of Both Sides

Left Side:

- Dried, brown grass: represents a future with continued neglect, where our environment suffers
- Tree stumps: symbolise deforestation and loss of biodiversity
- Factory: represents industrial pollution and its impact on air quality
- Oil spill and rubbish in water: illustrate ocean pollution
- Water marker: indicates rising sea levels due to climate change

Right Side:

- Solar panels and wind turbines: signify the adoption of renewable energy sources
- Vegetable garden: represents sustainable farming practices
- Healthy trees: indicate thriving forests and biodiversity
- Clean, low water levels: symbolise manageable sea levels

Thank you for taking interest in our work.

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