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Working Title:

**A Mana Wahine Inquiry into the neoliberal
logic of post- settlement iwi governance**



What is my thesis?

The invisibility of Maori women in tribal leadership and governance roles does not adequately reflect Maori social frameworks based on whakapapa and the traditional adherence to a Maori legal order.

Importance?

- I posit the question, if not now post-settlement, when?
- Triangulation between macro perspectives and micro realities
- This thesis is situated at the intersection of these three themes

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The Treaty of Waitangi still remains as the basis for: partnership; the redress of constitutionality issues and for Maori - self-determination.

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