

# *Press release @ 25/1/23*

## Sport Northland claimed to have breached NZ Bill of Rights

Sport Northland, a community organisation funded by local and central government, has blocked a group from hiring a public venue, because of the political views they hold.

Julian Batchelor from 'Stop Co-Governance' said Sport Northland has acted unlawfully by breaching Section 21 of the Human Rights Act. Subsection 1(j) prevents discrimination on the grounds of political opinion.

On 19th January, Sport Northland's Stu Middleton, Spaces & Places Manager, emailed a concerned community group that: "Sport Northland have recently adjusted their trust deed to recognise Te Tiriti o Waitangi and have changed their board structure to that of co-governance, due to these factors ..... we have unfortunately have(sic) made the decision to decline your facility booking."

Julian Batchelor said, "Clearly, it is our views on co-governance that was given the reason for declining the hire. This is exactly why he has set up the lobby group 'Stop Co-Governance'.

"It is one thing for Sport Northland to itself adopted a co-governance management approach. It is quite another to ban any group that does not agree with co-governance.

"Given the seriousness of this matter we have today made a formal complaint to the Human Rights Commission."

It's 2022 Annual Report states, "We have continued to develop our cultural knowledge and capability, furthering the progress achieved from past years. The journey of understanding and enacting our responsibilities under He Whakaputanga, the Te Tiriti o Waitangi articles and principles has continued through Tiriti training/education throughout the year, including a trip to Waitangi where we immersed ourselves as well as undertaking one of our strategic plan workshops. At the July board meeting, the board made the courageous decision to appoint us both as co-chairs for a 12 month trial. This was a result of the board realising that 50% board non-Māori/ Māori composition was really only a start of the cogovernance journey – and for true partnership we needed to venture into non-Māori/Māori leadership of the board. The result is a work-in-progress as we learn-on-the-job how to effectively co-chair the board. We realise there is no play-book for these roles so believe that effective communication, patience, reflection and the support of the rest of the board is critical in making it work. We have been fortunate to be part of the national sports governance community which is a great opportunity to network with other board chairs and develop our board leadership skills."

In 2022 Sport Northland received substantial ratepayer funding from the four local authorities in Northland (Kaipara, Far North, Whangarei, and the Northland Regional Council), substantial funding from its national body, and funding directly from the community via user charges.


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**Subject:** RE: This morning...  
**Date:** 19 January 2023 at 1:27 PM  
**To:** Julian Batchelor (M.Ed Hons), B.Th, Dip.T'ching [julian@stopcogov.nz](mailto:julian@stopcogov.nz)



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Kia ora Julian

Thank you for taking the time to meet yesterday and for forwarding information on your movement.

As mentioned yesterday, Sport Northland have recently adjusted their trust deed to recognise Te Tiriti o Waitangi and have changed their board structure to that of co governance, due to these factors and after viewing your website and the information you sent, we have unfortunately have made the decision to decline your facility booking. I hope this is understandable.

Nga mihi

**Stu Middleton**

**Spaces & Places Manager**

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## **RE: OUR NEW BOOKLET ON WHY CO-GOVERNANCE IS WRONG.**

You can read it [HERE](#)

It's still in draft form, with a few typos being taken out. A typo free edition should be up and running by the end of today i.e. 23/1/23

A huge thank to all those who have been reading it and passing the link on to others. This is huge!

Just to remind those who have not read it yet:

1. It can be read like a book, but without the need for a physical book. It's called a flip book.
2. Emailed to anyone anywhere. Just copy the link and forward it on to everyone on your address book.

A few pointers:

1. Be sure to read it in full screen mode.
2. You can increase the size of the font instantly. Just click the + and minus signs with your mouse.

We are planning to have physical copies of this book printed so that you can order them and put them in letter boxes in your suburb.

The other good thing about this on-line version is that it can be edited / changed / added to anytime and instantly updated. Whereas with a physical book, once it's printed, the content is fixed until the next reprint.

I welcome your input into the booklet and your appraisal.

## **RE: WORKING AS A TEAM**

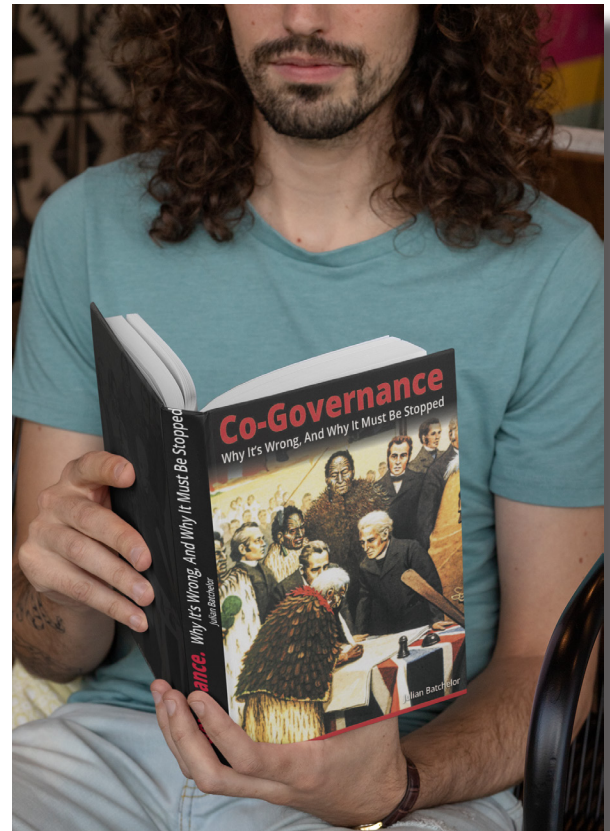
As I said yesterday....

What's crucial now is that we have to work as a big team.

It can't be "Let's see what Julian does". No no no. This is a recipe for certain failure.

It has to be everyone pitching in, working hard, making sacrifices, taking risks, doing things they have never done before, pushing on when things are tough and hard, hardening up on the inside, becoming brave.

Yesterday, when I appealed for people to order business cards from me so that they could start handing them out to the unconverted, only two people responded. We can do better. We have to do better. We've got to do better.



You see, stopping co-governance is about raising public awareness. Once aware, the unconverted will convert, and join our cause.

We have to get to the unconverted.

## ***GIVING OUT BUSINESS CARDS (Latest design on right)***

Recently, someone (Ken) from Gisborne wrote to me with the following email. I had sent him some business cards.

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*Hi Julian*

*Cards in letterbox drop completed within 24 hours of receipt - around my home - top suburb of likely support for the cause. Have also been pushing verbally.*

*Please feel free to send hundreds, or if you prefer, brochures once they are ready - or both. (have had plenty of previous experience with National Party drops! ).*

*I'm not convinced that the Ardern resignation was entirely her choice. She was due to announce a shuffle of her cabinet, and also re-look at policies for this year. Her Maori caucus may well have had an influence..... Hipkins treatment of both the above factors will interestingly reveal if this is indeed the case.*

*Best wishes*

*Ken*  
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Wow! Nice one Ken.

The business cards are small but extremely effective way to start. Anyone can do it. Literally anyone. You don't even have to talk to anyone if you don't want to. You can put them in letter boxes, or slide them in between the rubber and the glass on the driver's door of cars in car parks.

Really, it's terribly easy. If a lot of people did a little, say gave away five cards a day each, we'd make one heck of a big impact over time.

One cards in the hands of the right person can make a huge impact.

Today is another day. Let's see what happens.

The good news is that we now have 22 people around the country giving out these cards!

They are located in these places:

Te Puke, Orewa, Tauranga, Rotorua, New Plymouth, Havelock North, Nelson, Hastings, Raetihi, Oamaru,

## **Stop Co-Governance**

What is 'co-governance'? Why must it be stopped?

WATCH  
video



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READ  
on-line book



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Watch - Read - Explore - Join

# 22

Nelson, Waiuku, Fairlie, Maungatapu / Tauranga, Opoho  
/ Dunedin, Richmond / Nelson

I will, from now on, update you will numbers each day.

## **OUR MISSION**

Just to re-iterate, the reason we are doing what we are doing is to raise public awareness about the wrongs of co-governance.

Because of the governments \$105m Public Interest Journalism Fund, the country has been groomed to embrace co-governance i.e. Systematic brainwashing.

To beat this, we have to go directly to the people on the street, hence our public meetings, the business cards, my Warkworth video, the new booklet on line, flyers, bringing up the conversation one on one with people etc. And once public awareness is raised, what then?

Streets marches and mass rallies.

What for? To put pressure on political parties to completely outlaw co-governance and to commit to repealing all race-based legislation.

But before these rallies and street marches can happen, we have to get numbers up i.e. hundreds of thousands on board.

This is where team work kicks in. Without EVERYONE pitching in, we'll fail. By 'pitching in' I mean:

1. Giving out business cards daily. Email me if you want some: [julian@stopcogov.nz](mailto:julian@stopcogov.nz)
2. Delivering flyers in letter boxes
3. Helping to organise a meeting in your area.
4. Emailing my Warkworth speech to people: <https://youtu.be/Ny7ULqmwn-I>



5. Emailing the booklet ***“Go-governance. Why it’s wrong and why it must be stopped”*** and either emailing it to people or buying physical copies of it and putting them into letter boxes in your suburb.

Here is the link to the on line version: <https://bit.ly/stopcogov>

Here is a QR code which will direct people to the book.



If we all pitch in, we'll succeed. Really, it's that simple.

