

GATS

- We have real concern for the way in which our taonga are being transformed into commodities.
- Our fish are turned into a property, put up to be sold, mortgaged and leased. What else is on the table?
- Mana whenua rights and mana whenua rights over land and resources is placed at risk by GATS, and its strategy is to lock in foreign interests to take over forever.
- Current GATS commitments make no reference to Te Tiriti o Waitangi. The debate for Māori is about tino rangatiratanga and process.
- GATS is promoting a strategy and a world view that 'our uniqueness' should be marketed and sold. Our uniquenesses being our reo, our soul, our future.
- GATS threaten our tikanga and that's what we must be ever vigilant about.
- GATS was negotiated in secret - there was not serious genuine effort to engage in dialogue with Māori. This is a basic breach of the Treaty.
- The process that the Government has chosen so far has 'denied our people'.
- If the process is flawed, is having the Treaty included enough?
- GATS is a part of this process and it poses dangers to us as a people. It is a case of Māori and our fundamental values, versus the market right-wing values.