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Government investment safeguards Waitangi Treaty Grounds

The Government is supporting one of Aotearoa New Zealand's most significant historic sites, the Waitangi Treaty Grounds, as it continues to recover from the impacts of COVID-19.

"The Waitangi Treaty Grounds are a taonga that we should protect and look after. This additional support will mean people can continue to embrace, learn about and enjoy the strands, stories and experiences of the treaty grounds and the history it represents," Minister for Arts, Culture and Heritage Carmel Sepuloni said.

"The Waitangi National Trust Board has been hit hard by COVID-19 and the lack of tourism, so it is critical we invest now to ensure the economic recovery of one of Aotearoa New Zealand's most significant historic sites," Carmel Sepuloni said.

"This investment will ensure the Trust are fully equipped to care for the Waitangi Treaty Grounds so that Aotearoa New Zealand's first [National Historic Landmark](#) and national taonga are accessible for future generations.

"Cruise ships have started to return to the Bay of Islands, and visitor numbers are gradually starting to increase. Supporting the Trust will help them to make the most of the return of tourists and contribute to the Northland economy," Carmel Sepuloni said.

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