

Call to ban All Blacks' provocative haka

The All Blacks are facing calls for their newest, most aggressive haka to be banned, amid claims it imparts an unfair psychological advantage. The haka is performed after the national anthems, offering no "right-of-reply"

KAPA O PANGO (ALL BLACK) HAKA

First performed August 2005 v South Africa

Kapa o pango kia whakawhenua au i ahau!

All Blacks, let me become one with the land

Hi aue, hi!

Ko Aotearoa e ngunguru nei!

This is our land that rumbles

Au, au, aue ha!

It's my time! It's my moment!

Ko Kapa o Pango e ngunguru nei!

This defines us as the All Blacks

Au, au, aue ha!

It's my time! It's my moment!

I ahaha! Ka tu te ihiihi

Our dominance

Ka tu te wanawana

Our supremacy will triumph

Ki runga ki te rangi e tu

iho nei, tu iho nei, hi!

And will be placed on high

Ponga ra!

Silver fern!

Kapa o Pango, aue hi!

All Blacks!

Ponga ra!

Silver fern!

Kapa o Pango,

aue hi, ha!

All Blacks!

*Ends with controversial "throat-slitting" action, implies drawing of **hauora** – breath of life – in Maori culture*

OTHER PACIFIC WAR DANCES

1 Samoa: Siva tau

2 Fiji: Cibi

3 Tonga: Sipi tau

1884: First pre-match haka performed v New South Wales

1905: *Ka Mate* haka adopted – still played at most matches



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