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New Zealand Could Lead the Way on Rules of Succession

Monarchy New Zealand welcomes calls to review New Zealand's royal rules of succession.

"One of the great strengths of New Zealand's monarchy is its ability to evolve with the times" said Simon O'Connor, Chair of Monarchy New Zealand. "A review of New Zealand's succession rules is timely, particularly with our upcoming royal wedding."

Monarchy New Zealand supports calls that all sixteen realms agree to the same rules of succession. "There is enormous strength in sharing a Head of State, and every effort should be made for all realms to agree to the same terms of succession."

Monarchy New Zealand notes however, that changes to the rules of succession do not require all the realms to agree. Each realm – be it New Zealand, Australia, the UK, Canada, or the Bahamas – is able to make its own decisions.

"Ultimately, New Zealand is an independent country with an independent parliament, and an independent ability to review its own laws of succession. Perhaps if New Zealand leads the way, the other realms will follow."

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