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PRINCE WILLIAM SETS THE COURT ABOVE POLITICS

The freedom of our courts is demonstrated by Prince William's work today. Having a member of New Zealand's Royal family open the Supreme Court is a powerful symbol of the independence of the courts.

"For justice to be impartial, it cannot belong to a politician, a political party, or a judge. The court belongs to all of us, and that is who Prince William represents" says Simon O'Connor, spokesperson for Monarchy New Zealand.

"Prince William is here representing our Head of State – Queen Elizabeth II. The role of Head of State is to represent all kiwis regardless of their political views. This is why Prince William has been asked to open the court."

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