

Review of: "In the Spirit of Dr. Betty Bastien: Conceptualizing Ontological Responsibilities through the lens of Blackfoot Resilience"

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Kia ora korua. Wellbeing to you both [Gabrielle Lindstrom](#) and [Robert Weasel Head](#). I have the privilege of providing a review of your article which I felt equal to the reading. Your framing from the start is powerful and important as we resist academic rules and assert our Indigenous knowing, being and doing as not only valid but essential in the worlds we walk in. The deep and full introduction that sat in the relational in regards to Dr. Betty Bastien but also on land and in non-human relationships set the foundations to then discuss your research and the important nuances that sit in Indigenous and Settler colonial experiences of education post-secondary education. I thought your writing was really clear and held heart and spirit which I personally believe to be very important. I also really enjoyed the discussion on resilience and resistance and the challenge laid down around the intrinsic connections of this to sovereignty and self-determination. While I don't know the academic system in Canada (don't know what K-12 is) this didn't take away from the key parallels to an Aotearoa experience and it resonated in alignment. There were some parts that I wrote down as really great quotes "...so that I might begin to bring light to the embodied knowledge that is encoded within my DNA and carried the wisdom of my ancestors." and "...walk through our trauma..." These as examples of the strength and power of your article really resonated with me. I actually don't have any suggestions as part of my review but more and tautoko- support for the importance of your piece. Thank you for the experience fo reviewing this.