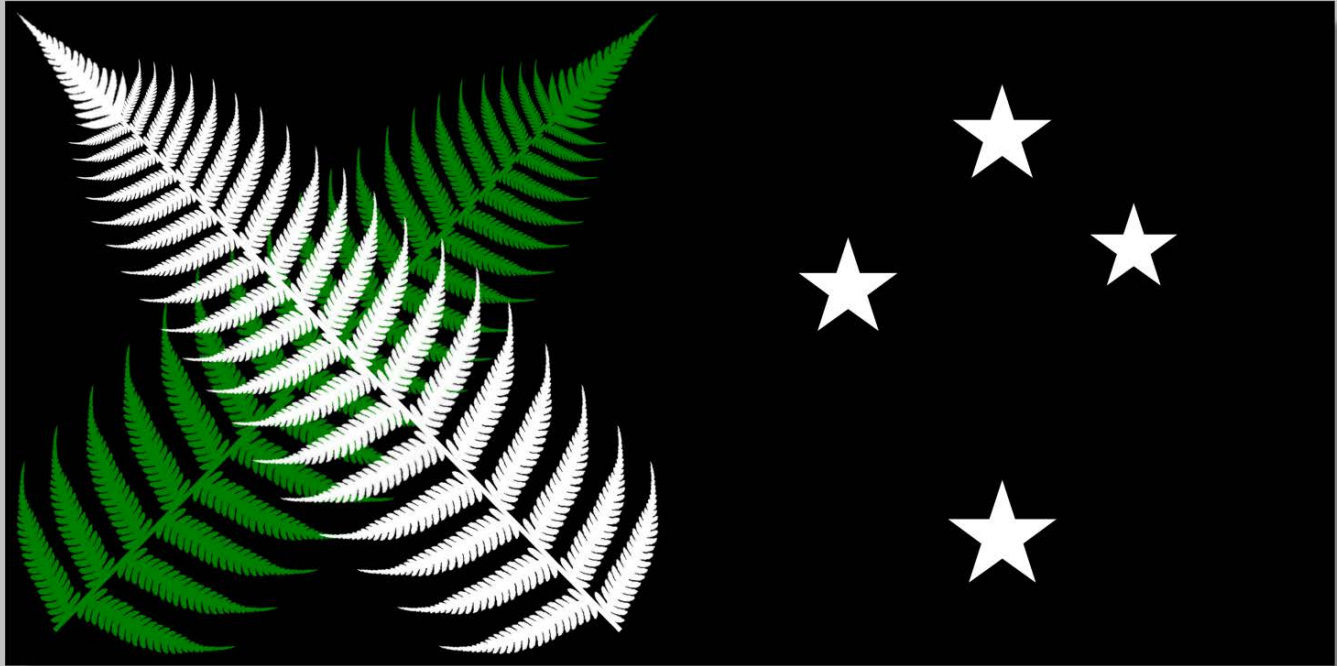
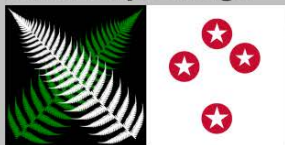


**"IllumiNation", a New Zealand national flag design  
(suggested derivative flags and ensigns are also depicted)**

Suggested flags for the Ross Dependency and for the South Island are based on previous designs by vexillologist James Dignan



**Naval ships ensign**



**Air Force ensign**



**Civil ships ensign**



**Civil aviation ensign**



**Police Service ensign**



**Fire Service ensign**



**Customs Service ensign**



**Yacht Squadron ensign**



**RSA ensign**



**Niue flag**



**Cook Islands flag**



**Tokelau flag**



**Ross Dependency flag**



**Army ensign**



**Government ensign**



**UN ensign**



**Chatham Islands flag**



**Stewart Island flag**



**Otago flag**



**South Island flag**



The more ways that all elements of a national flag symbolise the nation that the flag represents, the better. A silver fern frond rendered in white is obviously a good symbol for New Zealand, but so is a silver fern frond rendered in green. As New Zealand's de facto national colours, black and white are inarguably symbolic of the nation, but moreover, because the whitish undersides of silver fern fronds can be used to mark a path, and because the white stars of the Southern Cross can be used to mark a direction, both can be thought of as guiding lights, illuminating the way for New Zealanders. Thus both symbolically and metaphorically, 'IllumiNation' would be a good choice for the design of the national flag of New Zealand.