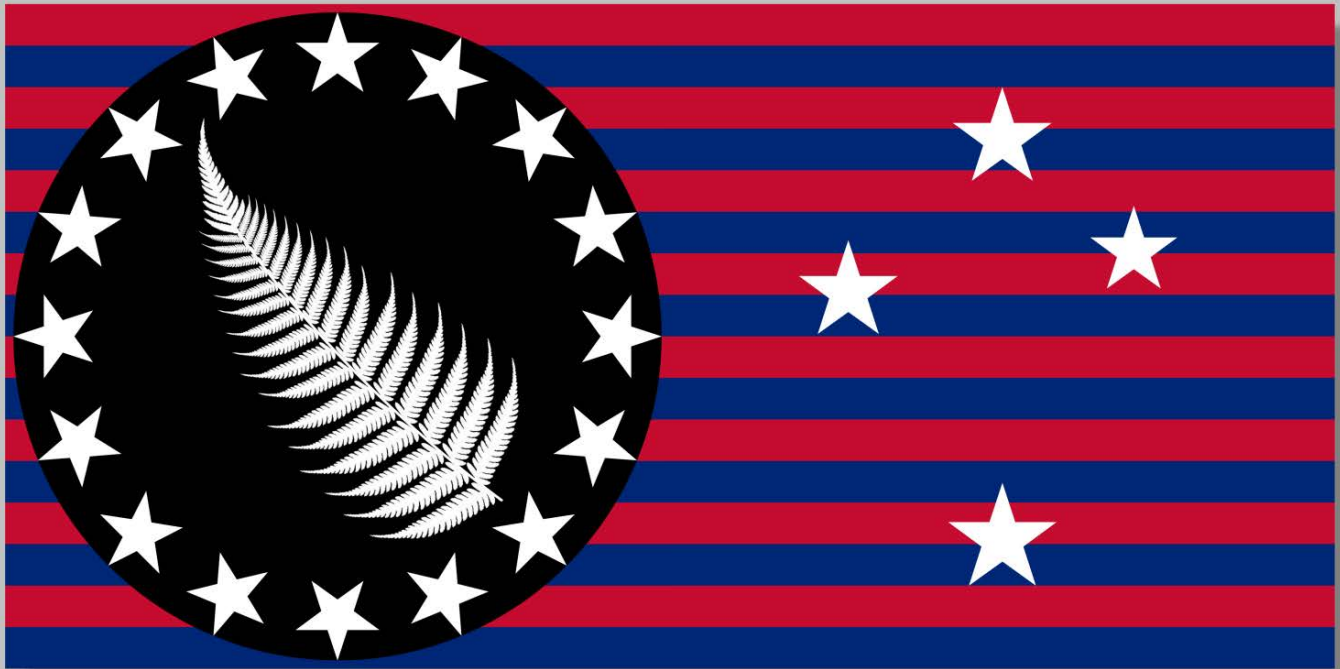


**"Under the Milky Way Tonight", a New Zealand flag design
(suggested derivative flags and ensigns are also depicted)**

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



Spanning the full length of the flag are sixteen red-and-blue stripes, representing the official regions of New Zealand proper. A distinctive black-and-white overlay in the hoist, consisting of a silver fern frond surrounded by a circle of sixteen stars, is suggestive of a starry night sky. The diagonal slant of the silver fern frond toward the upper hoist edge ensures that most or all of the fern will be visible when the flag is in windless conditions, and the stripes will make the design recognisable in any wind. The overlay in the flag's hoist might in time become as iconic a symbol of New Zealand as the Southern Cross in the flag's fly.