



Proactive Release

Submissions on the Child and Youth Wellbeing Strategy

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The Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet has released the following submission received during its public consultation on the child and youth wellbeing strategy.

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Child and Youth Wellbeing Strategy – Submission Template

This document is intended for individuals or groups who wish to make a formal submission on the child and youth wellbeing strategy.

Please complete this template and email it to: childandyouthwellbeing@dpmc.govt.nz

A guide to making a submission is available on the DPMC website <https://dpmc.govt.nz/our-programmes/child-and-youth-wellbeing-strategy>

Submissions will close on **Wednesday 5 December**.

Please provide details for a contact person in case we have some follow up questions.

Contact Name:	9(2)□(a)
Email Address:	
Phone Number:	
Organisation Name:	[Please include if you are submitting on behalf of an organisation]
Organisation description: (tell us about your organisation – i.e. who do you represent? How many members do you have? Are you a local or national organisation?)	
Executive Summary: (Please provide a short summary of the key points of your Submission - 200 words)	<p><i>To grow a healthy adult you must have a healthy child. To achieve this, the system must:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Eliminate all forms of racism, discrimination and biases towards Maori mama, pepi and whanau within the midwifery services, paedcs etc.</i> • <i>Education system to include positive parenting in curriculum from 10 years of age (available to Kura Kaupapa Maori Schools and in Te Reo Maori);</i> • <i>Midwives must accept all mama regardless of their race, situation etc</i> • <i>Quality Antenatal and Parenting programs delivered in the community (also provide Kaupapa services in Te Reo Maori)</i> • <i>Additional neonatal scanning is free for those mothers identified as high need and or Maori</i> • <i>High need mothers and or Maori mothers receive support for 6 weeks post birth</i> • <i>Midwives refer babies to Wellchild Tamariki Ora</i>

	<p>services (WCTO) at 2 weeks so that WCTO can plan ahead</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• All babies receive their core contacts on time• All Maori whanau identified as high need are allocated a navigator to support and ensure the right services are involved at the right time;• Grow Workforce Development – training and education is available for Child birth educators, Lactation, WCTO and Midwifery; <p>The government could also consider:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Prime Minister’s Office mandate that all heads of govt depts such as MOH, DHB; Education; Justice , Housing are expected to prioritise Maori wellbeing initiatives and fund these accordingly;• Policies and Practices in govt are conducive to Maori wellbeing initiatives• Eliminate all forms of discrimination and biases;• Target and fund Maori health wellbeing
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Submission Content

The impact of colonisation on Maori society has been devastating in that a once thriving people have become impoverished in their own country as the loss of their land, their economic base, was torn away from them.

Today, Māori freehold land comprises a little over 1.4 million hectares – that is, approximately 5.5% of New Zealand's land mass.

Reasons for impoverishment include:

- ***The interpretation and application of the Treaty of Waitangi has failed to address social, health, housing, justice and education issues for Maori;***
- ***Maori as tangata whenua are not the majority in Aotearoa as they were pre 1840;***
- ***Maori have the poorest health data compared to mainstream;***
- ***Maori are more likely to be sentenced and incarcerated than non Maori with the same or similar offence;***
- ***Achievement in education for Maori is lower than non Maori;***
- ***Highest unemployment for Maori compared to non Maori***
- ***High deprivation for Maori living in rural communities***
- ***Housing for Maori is a problem***
- ***Racism is alive and well in Aotearoa***

Overall, the current status of Maori is not good. In order to improve or better their wellbeing, the government must implement an agency or practice that addresses all aspects of Maori as their wellness depends on the wellness of the whanau as a whole and not their individual needs.

For the purposes of this submission, I believe that in order for a child to be healthy and grow to be a healthy adult the following must be present or occur:

- ***Eliminate all forms of racism, discrimination and biases towards Maori mama, pepi and whanau within the midwifery services, paed's etc.***
- ***Education system to include positive parenting in their school based health system and or curriculum from 10 years of age (available to Kura Kaupapa Maori Schools and in Te Reo Maori);***
- ***Midwives must accept all mama regardless of their race, situation etc***
- ***Quality Antenatal and Parenting programs delivered in the community (also provide Kaupapa services in Te Reo Maori)***
- ***Additional neonatal scanning is free for those mothers identified as high need and or Maori***
- ***High need mothers and or Maori mothers receive support for 6 weeks post birth***
- ***Midwives refer babies to Wellchild Tamariki Ora services (WCTO) at 2 weeks so that WCTO can plan ahead***
- ***All babies receive their core contacts on time***
- ***All Maori whanau identified as high need are allocated a navigator/whanau ora worker to support and ensure the right services are involved at the right time;***
- ***Workforce Development – training and education is available for Child birth educators, Lactation, WCTO and Midwifery;***

In addition to the above suggestions, the government could also consider

- ***The Prime Minister's Office mandate that all heads of govt depts such as MOH, DHB; Education; Justice , Housing are expected to prioritise Maori wellbeing initiatives and fund these accordingly;***
- ***Policies and Practices in govt are conducive to Maori wellbeing initiatives***
- ***Eliminate all forms of discrimination and biases;***
- ***Target and fund Maori health wellbeing***

Nga mihi

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