



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.

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Organisation Name:	Te Aō Marama – New Zealand Māori Dental Association
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?)	<p>Te Aō Marama is an organisation of around 100 members, who provide leadership, representation and support to the Māori oral health workforce including clinicians, specialists, health promoters, support staff, researchers, teachers and students. Our membership remains committed to our vision of 'Hei oranga niho mo te iwi Māori' – Good Oral health for Māori, for life.</p> <p>Te Aō Marama is an important forum for members to showcase and share information about new initiatives that have positive outcomes for Māori oral health. We are also a national professional body that acknowledges and celebrates members who are driving positive change, optimising leadership potential and working towards reducing and eliminating inequalities in Māori oral health.</p> <p>The future work for Te Aō Marama includes supporting the professional development of the Māori oral health workforce and developing rewarding career pathways, building research capability to conduct significant Māori research projects and working closer with Iwi and Māori communities to ensure the best access possible to the best services available.</p> <p>Our Vision: Hei oranga niho mo te iwi Māori - Good Oral health for Māori, for life</p> <p>Our Outcome: Māori enjoying good oral health at all ages</p> <p>Our Purpose:</p>

	<p>To provide leadership for Māori in oral health</p> <p>Our Role: To advocate on behalf of Māori for improved oral health and to support and develop initiatives that lead to Māori oral health</p> <p>Our Objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Uphold Māori oral health as guaranteed under Te Tiriti o Waitangi • Pursue the delivery of oral health services to Māori at the optimum level • Safeguard and promote the oral health of te iwi Māori • Promote the opportunity for te iwi Māori to access quality oral health services
<p>Executive Summary: (Please provide a short summary of the key points of your Submission - 200 words)</p>	<p>Te Aō Marama submit the following actions for change as key recommendations for consideration by the Government on the Child and Youth Wellbeing Strategy:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Uphold indigenous rights and Te Tiriti o Waitangi 2. Uphold an Aotearoa where our tamariki, rangatahi and whānau are living in wellness and prosperity 3. Uphold an Aotearoa where our rangatahi are excelling 4. Uphold an Aotearoa where Te Tiriti o Waitangi is given full effect and tangata whenua are exercising tino rangatiratanga 5. Uphold an Aotearoa where all leaders are successfully influencing for transformational change 6. Uphold an Aotearoa where we all understand how our actions today will echo for eternity 7. Uphold an Aotearoa where tangata whenua are leading indigenous world health 8. Make water fluoridation mandatory

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As tangata whenua we acknowledge that we have essential strengths derived from our ancestors; and in turn a level of resilience from our experiences as a colonised peoples. Te Ao Marama acknowledge that our people are our core enabler of Pae Ora and that our collective strengths lie in:

- The resilience of our people
- our whānau who are suffering due to poor oral health;
- The greatness of our tūpuna, our ancestors who were prominent leaders, activists, warriors, way finders, orators, nurturers, gardeners and builders who laid the pathways for us today.
- The advancement of our iwi, who are going from strength to strength and becoming increasingly influential across the fabric of Aotearoa. We know that our collective success and unity will in turn aid those iwi who are yet to find their feet; for our people are our greatest assets.
- Post-Treaty settlements for our iwi, for it is in many ways positive that historical claims through the Waitangi Tribunal have been largely settled and iwi are now in stronger positions to transform the prosperity of our people.
- Tangata whenua leadership in Government, acknowledging that at present we have the highest number of Māori MPs in parliament ever.
- Visionary Māori leaders (past and present) in Māori development such as Bishop Pihopa Kingi, Ines Kingi, Professor John Broughton, Ahorangi Tā Mason Durie, Dame Tariana Turia, Rangimarie Rose Pere, Moana Jackson, Dr Ranginui Walker, Whatarangi Winiata, Katerina Mataira, Dame Rangimarie Glavish, Moe Milne and others.
- Inspired tangata whenua leadership in Maori Oral Health, including: Astute and principled tangata whenua leaders with excellent institutional knowledge working within leadership and governance roles in Oral Health such as, Ines Kingi, Bishop Pihopa Kingi, Professor John Broughton
- Tangata whenua who pushed the envelope in the 80s & early 90s and carried on to do great things such as Ines Kingi, Bishop Pihopa Kingi, Professor John Broughton, Dr. Albert Kewene,
- Tangata whenua oral health professionals such as Dental Therapists, Oral Health Therapists, Hygienists, Dentists, Dental Technicians, Dental Specialists, oral health community workers and so on, all of whom contribute to a skilled, driven and committed workforce.

We acknowledge that alongside our people as core enablers, there are additional key system enablers that contribute towards the realisation of Pae Ora:

- He Korowai Oranga provides a strong framework for Māori health development.
- Hua Oranga, an indigenous Māori mental health outcome tool that provides a foundation for continuous improvement.
- A strong legislative and judicial framework in comparison with other Western democracies.
- A growing body of Māori Health Literature that provides evidence and models that conceptualise Māori health from a Māori worldview (many have been written by Ahorangi Tā Mason Durie).
- A growing contingent of a non-Māori Pae Ora workforce in the broader health system who are committed to, and, taking action to improve tangata whenua equity.
- An increasing number of Tiriti-led non-Māori organisations that are committing to Te Tiriti o Waitangi and equity for Māori i.e. Massey University. At the same time

there are indications of growing acknowledgement of Te Tiriti and an affinity for te ao Māori amongst the general population.

- The imminent national Māori settlement of the Wai 2575 Health Services and Outcomes Kaupapa Inquiry, which will enable the Waitangi Tribunal to provide strong recommendations towards resetting the Health and Disability system.
- Indigenous knowledge exchange and collaboration is an important enabler to facilitate learning from, sharing our experience, and, working together improve Pae Ora outcomes for tangata whenua and other indigenous peoples.
- Western models, when used appropriately within a Kaupapa Māori holistic approach can be a powerful enabler of wellness, particularly for our tamariki and rangatahi.

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