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Tēnā rā Koutou

Our view is that a Te Reo Māori strategy for Aotearoa should focus on growing the numbers of people that can understand & speak te reo Māori. This should be done at whānau, hapū and iwi level.

Hapū and Iwi have the full range of issues to contend with. It is not their fault that te reo Māori is in a state of decline.

If specific funding were allocated for te reo Māori growth within hapū and iwi & managed by them, they could grow their own speakers, proficient in their own mita and tikanga.

Kia ora rā.

Christine:)