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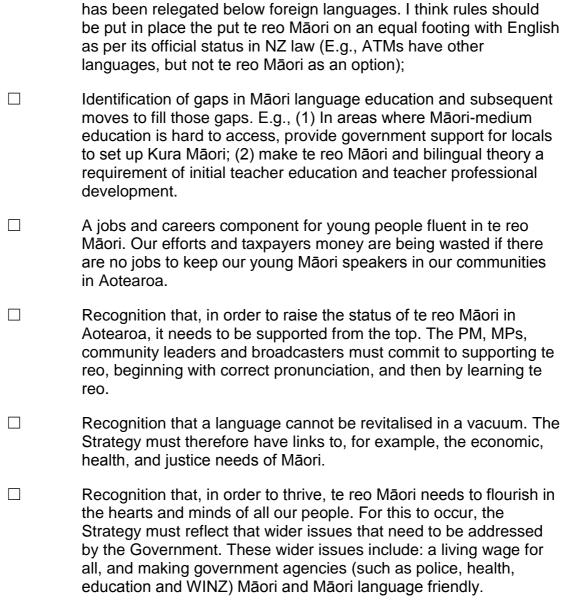
## Māori Language Strategy Consultation 2014

## Te Puni Kōkiri

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Tēnā rā koe Dr Pita Sharples	
I support the points that I have ticked in the adjacent box (if no boxes are ticked, or if all boxes are ticked, I support all the points in this submission).	
	I submit that the consultation period for this renewed Māori Language Strategy is too limited; the documents are difficult to find and/or access, and the period between the announcement on 3 February 2014 regarding the consultation and the hui themselves is too short;
	I have not had enough time to think over the documents and discuss the implications with my whānau/hapū. I therefore request that the consultation period for the Strategy be extended.
In 1994, Privy Council Lords found that "if, as is the case with the Māori language at the present time, a taonga is in a vulnerable state, this has to be taken into account by the Crown in deciding the action it should take to fulfil its obligations and may well require the Crown to take especially vigorous action for its protection <sup>1</sup> . Because the language is still in decline I submit that:	
	The Crown must address the vulnerability of the language, including its low status among the wider population of New Zealand citizens, and must embark herewith on "vigorous action" for the protection of te reo Māori
	The Strategy must state an ultimate goal, for example, to promote the development of Aotearoa NZ as a bilingual, Māori-English, bicultural (BEMB) nation.
	The strategy must provide clarity as to how the Crown intends to meet this ultimate goal by providing in the Strategy, a comprehensive list of actions and a timeline of the Crown's. These actions should include:
	More te reo Māori in the public arena, particularly in areas where it

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> (New Zealand Māori Council v Attorney-General [1994] 1 NZLR 513 (PC) at 517. [Broadcasting Assets cases] cited in Ahu, T. (2012) Te Reo Māori as a language of New Zealand Law. Unpublished LLM Thesis. Victoria University



He mihi nui ki a koe, ki a koutou

Signed Janey Wilson

Ngati Raukawa te Au ki te Tonga, Ngati Whatua ki Orakei, Ngati Toarangatira.