

Kia ora

Yesterday I read all the related documentation of the consultation process and have decided to simply summarise what I feel would be useful to our Sydney Maori / Australian community.

I offer this view without having consulted with our Maori whanau here in Sydney on the new language strategy. I base this summary on my personal experience of organising / founding Te Kohanga Reo here in Sydney.

Representation

The Maori community here in Sydney (and the wider Australian community) continue to NOT have representation in forums pertaining to Maori, be it by the Australian or New Zealand Governments. It would be beneficial to consider the inclusion of the Australian Maori communities for future face to face consultations. We have a voice we wish to be heard.

Global

In the 4 result areas summarised, point B mentions "globally" - further clarification needs to be given to understand if this is indicative of Maori in Australia and other places throughout the world. If this is the case - very little was given to understand how this result area would be addressed.

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