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Governments proposed Māori Language strategy 2013

General

- Is the Government's proposed Māori Language Strategy an effective and appropriate way for the Government to support the revitalisation of the Māori language? Why/Why not?

There is not enough provision for 'Te Reo Māori me ōna tikanga' where are the jobs and everyday things in life for everyone that give 'tikanga' to Te reo Māori.

- What else would you like to see in the Government's proposed Māori Language Strategy?

More thought and discussion around how we can incorporate 'tikanga Māori' into the revitalisation of the Māori language.

Ngā Whāinga – Key Results

- The result areas cover acquisition (Te Ako i te Reo), status (Te Mana o Te Reo), quality (Te Kounga o Te Reo), corpus, and use (Te Kōrerotanga o te Reo). What are your thoughts on these?

Ano nei taku kī , where is 'Te tikanga o te reo'

- Are there any other high level results that we need to focus on? Why?

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Target audience(s)

- Who should be our key target audience(s) for each of the proposed result areas? Māori or non-Māori? All New Zealanders, or te reo Māori speakers only? People with active Māori language skills, or people with passive Māori language skills? Māori in Australia and abroad?

Anyone who wants to learn Te reo Māori me ōna tikanga and anyone who should be learning Te reo Māori me ōna tikanga.

- Should engagement with whānau Māori, hapū and iwi that have language priorities, goals, plans/strategies be prioritised?

Yes. If Māori language is a priority for the whānau, hapu, iwi then engagement with these roopu should be a high priority.

Ngā Mātāpono – Key Principles

- The principles cover empowering whānau and iwi (Whakamana Whānau, Whakapiki Iwi), strengthening Māori leadership (Kia Tū Rangatira ai te Ao Māori), and improving access to Māori language programmes (Mahi Tōtika). What are your thoughts on these?

Without a purpose (Tikanga) for te reo Māori , a motivating goal that impels and inspires to make life meaningful economically, socially, educationally, healthy then leadership and improvement of access to Māori language programmes will struggle.

- Are there any other principals that we need to focus on? Why?

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Ngā Mahi – Key Initiatives

Whakamana Whānau, Whakapiki Iwi

Ngā Kaupapa Matua o Te Wā

- Are there further initiatives that will enhance and support Māori language development for whānau and the community?

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Te Aronga o Te Taura Whiri ki ngā Whānau me ngā Iwi

- How can Te Taura Whiri better support iwi language planning?

By not departmentalising everything! Stop treating Te reo Māori as separate from everything we do. Te reo Māori me ōna tikanga.

Ngā Hangarau o te Ao Hou

- How important is access to, education and use of modern communications technology to Māori language revitalisation?

Vitally important. We need to keep in touch with everyone who wants to learn and who should be learning te reo Māori.

- Through the Māori Language Strategy how can we further support te reo Māori through ICT (Information, and Communications Technology)?

ICT are the tools for us to use. We must create pathways for people to follow to getting employment and opportunities in te reo Māori me ōna tikanga.

- How could the proposed Māori ICT Development Fund benefit whānau Māori?

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- What do you believe is the role that Māori should play in the revitalisation of the Māori language?

Leadership. Whānau, Hapu, Iwi is how Māori have been referred to in this document. Each has its strengths and weaknesses. Identify leadership at whānau level in terms of te reo Māori me ōna tikanga. How does this leadership continue to hapū level? What are the overall signs and involvement at iwi level? Answers to these questions may help in providing a leadership role for Māori in te reo Māori revitalisation.

- How else can Government support the strengthening of whānau, hapū, and iwi language development?

If Māori language is a priority for the whānau, hapū, iwi then engagement with these entities should be a high priority.

Kia Tū Rangatira Ai Te Ao Māori

Whakapakari

- How can the Government support Māori language organisations?

By giving support to all rōpu who use te reo Māori me ōna tikanga. This includes sports and recreation clubs with Te reo Māori me ōna tikanga and rōpu kapa haka.

- How would you increase wider language capability and capacity for your whānau, hapū and iwi?

I use Kapa haka as the waka for providing capability and capacity for Te reo Māori me ōna tikanga.

Mahi Ngātahi

- Where would you raise, discuss and channel your language concerns or issues to be addressed?
Would your language interests benefit from participating in annual language forum alongside other language organisations?

I work for Te Wānanga o Aotearoa, so there is a forum for me to discuss and channel my language concerns.

- Do you believe that this forum would be an effective way for the Crown and Māori to confer on progress with the new Māori Language Strategy?

NO. Because I am also NgātiPorou, I am also a leader for a kapa haka rōpu, I represent my childrens schools in Māori matters as well as an employee for Te wānanga o Aotearoa.

- Is there an alternative mechanism(s)? What might work instead?

There are always alternative mechanisms. Whether I can attend an alternative mechanism in my busy life is another matter.

Te Mātāwai

- Do you agree with the proposal that iwi participate in the selection of members of the three Māori language entities?

The representative must represent an iwi or organisation that has Te reo me ōna tikanga as a fundamental and a core value to their stakeholders.

- What should a new governance model look like for these entities? Why?

Identify leadership in whānau/hapu/iwi and provide them with the means to get on with the job they need to do. The inverted triangle model of governance doesnot work for Māori.

- What is an alternative model?

Tiangle is the strongest of all shapes. It`s when the peak is smoothed out to a rhombus shape because of 'fairness to all' that inverted triangle models of governance are created.

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- Are the proposed actions effective ways in which the Crown can support Māori language leadership?

Is the crown here to support or dictate?

- Through the Māori Language Strategy, how else can Government support the enablement of iwi language leadership?

Identify the leaders who have the passion, drive, commitment ,energy and love for Te reo Māori me ōna tikanga. Support them. Leadership is not just at iwi organisations.

Mahi Tōtika

Ngā Tohu Reorua

- To what degree should bilingual signage be available, and in what places?

Anywhere and everywhere!

- How will bilingual signage affect you? Do you think bilingual signage is a good idea?

Great idea!

- Does it increase status of te reo, contribute towards normalising te reo Māori, and provide exposure?

YES!

Ngā Ratonga me ngā Hōtaka reo Māori

- Do you think that these are appropriate roles for Government in supporting the revitalisation of the Māori language?

I believe , it should be Te reo Māori me ōna tikanga.

- Are there other programmes and services that the Government could be supporting?

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- What barriers are there to accessing Māori language programmes and services in other Votes?

Not valued within the immediate communities we live in.

- Are there other Māori language programmes and services that the Government should be providing?

A service that provides a programme for TE REO MĀORI ME ŌNA TĪKANGA

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