

Whānau Ora Review Panel

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MEDIA STATEMENT

Public submissions open for Whānau Ora Review

Individuals, whānau, groups and organisations are invited to make an online submission on the Independent Review of Whānau Ora.

Public submissions can be made online at tpk.nz/whanauorareview from 11 July to 15 August 2018. The submission questions are available in English, Te Reo Māori, Samoan, Tongan and Cook Islands Māori but can be completed in any language.

Chairperson of the Whānau Ora Review Panel, Caren Rangi, says, “There is a great opportunity for anyone who has an interest in Whānau Ora to share their experiences, understandings and insights of Whānau Ora that relate to the purposes of the Review”.

The Panel’s Terms of Reference are to:

- assess the ability of the Whānau Ora commissioning approach to effect sustainable change in the wellbeing and development of whānau;
- explore the extent to which the Whānau Ora service delivery model and commissioning approach is accountable and transparent in the achievement of outcomes for whānau; and
- scope the applicability of a whānau centred approach as a model for improving outcomes for whānau across government with an emphasis on the social sector.

Ms Rangi says the Panel has decided to take a two-pronged approach to gathering information from the public.

As well as opening online submissions, the Panel will engage directly with those involved in Whānau Ora including Commissioning Agencies and a sample of providers/whānau entities, navigators and whānau. It has also identified those who have a key role in Whānau Ora and government agencies that it will reach out to directly.

“We’re committed to hearing a wide range of views, both from those who have experience of Whānau Ora and those who have not.

“We’re also keen to understand what the potential is for a whānau centred approach to be applied across government”, says Ms Rangi.

The Whānau Ora Minister, Hon Peeni Henare, announced the Independent Review of Whānau Ora in April this year. The Panel has until November to provide a final report to the Minister.

“While we are working to a tight-frame, I am confident that with the Panel’s collective expertise and a clear process we will be able to provide a timely consideration of the Whānau Ora approach and its full potential,” she says.

The members of the Review Panel are Tania Hodges, Te Rau Kupenga, Donna Matahaere-Atariki, Kim Ngarimu, Brenda Steele and Chair Caren Rangi.

Ms Rangi says, “It’s important for people to know that while the Independent Review progresses, the delivery of a Whānau Ora approach by the Commissioning Agencies and Te Puni Kōkiri continues as normal.”

For more information about the Whānau Ora Review and the submission process, go to tpk.nz/whanauorareview.

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