



# Cabinet Social Wellbeing Committee

## Minute of Decision

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### United Nations Declaration on Rights of Indigenous Peoples Plan: Update

**Portfolio**                      **Māori Development**

On 6 April 2022, the Cabinet Social Wellbeing Committee:

- 1        **noted** that in June 2021, Cabinet invited te Minita Whanaketanga Māori (te Minita) to report back on feedback from targeted engagement and seek approval of a proposed process for drafting the plan to implement the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (the Declaration plan) [SWC-21-MIN-0083];
- 2        **noted** that the government has worked with Pou Tikanga representatives of the National Iwi Chairs Forum and the Human Rights Commission to formulate and implement the targeted engagement on the draft Declaration plan and consider feedback from the targeted engagement;
- 3        **noted** the key themes arising from the targeted engagement summarised in Appendix 2, attached to the submission under SWC-22-SUB-0053;
- 4        **agreed** to make Appendix 1, summary of the targeted engagement, and Appendix 2 publicly available on Te Puni Kōkiri's website, subject to any minor editorial or technical changes required prior to publication;
- 5        **noted** that previous Cabinet decisions in 2019 and 2021 provide parameters for the development of the Declaration plan [MCR-19-MIN-0003, SWC-21-MIN-0083];
- 6        **noted** that consistency with the Declaration will need to happen over time and require some adjustments to the legal and policy settings;
- 7        **agreed** that the draft Declaration plan will:
  - 7.1       outline an iterative process of regularly reviewing and updating the Declaration plan through to 2040;
  - 7.2       confirm the government's commitment to realise the Declaration and present a roadmap of actions to be taken to achieve change;
  - 7.3       be informed by key themes that arose from the targeted engagement workshops;

- 7.4 make explicit reference to relevant articles of the Declaration and Te Tiriti o Waitangi and use the language of these documents wherever possible;
- 7.5 include an approach to monitoring and evaluation;
- 8 **agreed** that te Minita continue working in partnership with Pou Tikanga and the Human Rights Commission on the development of a draft Declaration plan;
- 9 **noted** that te Minita intends to report back to Cabinet in June 2022 with the draft Declaration plan and a proposal for wider public consultation.

Rachel Clarke  
Committee Secretary

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**Present:**

Rt Hon Jacinda Ardern  
Hon Grant Robertson  
Hon Kelvin Davis  
Hon Dr Megan Woods  
Hon Chris Hipkins  
Hon Carmel Sepuloni (Chair)  
Hon Andrew Little  
Hon Poto Williams  
Hon Kris Faafoi  
Hon Peeni Henare  
Hon Willie Jackson  
Hon Jan Tanetti  
Hon Dr Ayesha Verrall  
Hon Aupito William Sio  
Hon Priyanca Radhakrishnan

**Officials present from:**

Office of the Prime Minister  
Officials Committee for SWC