



Proactive Release

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COVID-19 Briefings - August 2022

The following documents have been included in this release:

Title of paper: 01082022 Assurance of System readiness Work Underway to Respond to a Variant of Concern

Title of paper: 03082022 Insights from Recommendations across COVID-19 Response System Reviews

Title of paper: 05082022 Review of New Zealand's COVID-19 Protection Framework and self-isolation settings - 5 August

Title of paper: 05082022 Public awareness campaign to support people who are unable to wear masks

Title of paper: 08082022 Meeting with Strategic COVID-19 Public Health Advisory Group 10 August 2022

Title of paper: 12082022 Preparation for Release of Haumaruru Briefing

Title of paper: 25082022 Meeting with Prof. Michael Plank

Title of paper: 26082022 All of Government COVID-19 System Readiness Exercise

Title of paper: 30082022 COVID-19 Community Panel, Chair's Report

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PREPARATION FOR RELEASE OF HAUMARU BRIEFING

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Purpose

1. s9(2)(f)(iv), s9(2)(g)(i)
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2. This paper provides the COVID-19 Response Minister with a cover note recommending proactive release of a briefing from the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (DPMC) that outlined agency actions taken to address the Haumaru report. The cover note updates Ministers on the progress made toward addressing the findings and recommendations since provision of the DPMC briefing.
3. This paper provides Ministers with draft material s9(2)(f)(iv), s9(2)(g)(i) to support engagement with claimants and stakeholders of the Haumaru report ahead of proactive release.

Hauora report

4. The Haumaru report is part of a wider Health Services and Outcomes Kaupapa Inquiry (Wai 2575); the Tribunal released the Hauora Report at the end of Stage One of Wai 2575.
5. s9(2)(f)(iv)
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Haumaru report

7. The COVID-19 Response Minister agreed to proactively release the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet's (DPMC) April 2022 briefing [DPMC-2021/22-1545] outlining the actions taken to address the findings and recommendations of the Haumaru report.
8. DPMC officials provided Minister Verrall's office with a draft communications and engagement plan that set out a proposed approach for engaging with claimants and stakeholders ahead of proactive release of the DPMC briefing.
9. Separately, you will receive a proactive release cover note that captures updated information on the actions taken since provision of the April 2022 briefing to Ministers. This cover note provides a factual basis for the material appended to this paper to support engagement with claimants and stakeholders ahead of proactive release:
 - a) Engagement material (slide deck).
 - b) s9(2)(f)(iv), s9(2)(g)(i)

Engagement on COVID-19 strategy and legislation

10. The Haumaru report made recommendations regarding the Crown's engagement with Māori on COVID-19 matters. At present, there are significant work programmes underway across agencies to design and inform the next phase of pandemic management. Officials propose that Ministers also flag with the New Zealand Māori Council and the New Zealand Iwi Chairs Forum that officials intend to discuss this work with those groups and their technicians. This work includes:
 - a) Implementation of the new COVID-19 strategy based on preparedness, protection and resilience, and stability and the possible timing to transition. The strategy will be enabled through baseline and reserve measures. Officials have discussed the strategy with members of the National Iwi Chairs Forum and they expressed an interest in the implementation of the baseline measures that underpin the new strategy.
 - b) The future pandemic legislative framework to replace the COVID-19 Public Health Act. s9(2)(g)(i) Officials met with the National Iwi Chairs Forum on Thursday 28 July to discuss this legislative work. The National Iwi Chairs Forum expressed an interest in collaborating with officials on this work and officials have invited technicians to engage in this work in the next week.
11. The Haumaru report noted that the Public Service Act 2020 and work programmes led by Te Arawhiti: Office for Māori Crown Relations aim to encourage an increase in public service agencies' capability to undertake robust Treaty of Waitangi analysis into policy advice to Cabinet.
12. DPMC commissioned Te Arawhiti and the Crown Law Office to review DPMC's COVID-19 Policy Treaty Guidance earlier this year. The guidance is the basis of the Treaty of Waitangi analysis sections in Cabinet papers prepared by the DPMC Covid-19 Group. This guidance has been provided to Minister Verrall's office for visibility.

Next steps

13. s9(2)(f)(iv), s9(2)(g)(i)
[Redacted]

14. DPMC will work with Ministers' offices, Te Arawhiti, and the Ministry of Health to engage with the New Zealand Māori Council on the Haumarū report to discuss work underway across government to address the findings and recommendations. s9(2)(f)(iv), s9(2)(g)(i)
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Attachments:	
Attachment A:	Cover note for proactive release of DPMC Haumaru briefing <small>Attachment A is available on the Unite Against COVID-19 website: https://covid19.govt.nz/assets/Proactive-Releases/Reviews-and-audits/Haumaru-briefings-21-September-2022/Proactive-Release-and-Updated-Information-on-Actions-Taken-in-Response-to-Waitangi-Tribunals-Haumara-COV-D-19-Priority-Report.pdf</small>
Attachment B:	Engagement material (slide deck)
Attachment C:	Withheld in full under sections 9(2)(f)(iv) and 9(2)(g)(i) of the Act
Attachment D:	

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Attachment B: Engagement material (slide deck)

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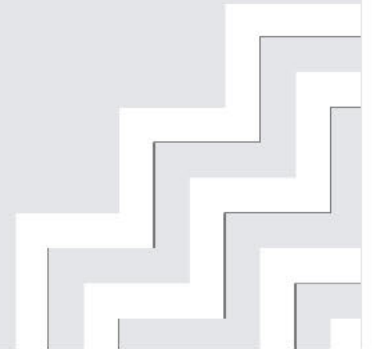


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TE TARI O TE PIRIMIA ME TE KOMITI MATUA

Action in response to Waitangi Tribunal's Haumaru: The COVID-19 Priority Report

12 August 2022

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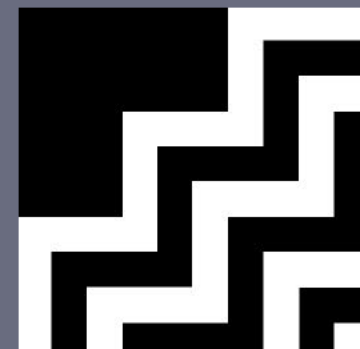
Tirohanga Whānui - Overview

- Context and Setting
- Actions and progress in addressing key findings and recommendations from Haumaru: The COVID-19 Priority Report
- Wānanga | Discussion

He whakatau i te kaupapa

Context and Setting

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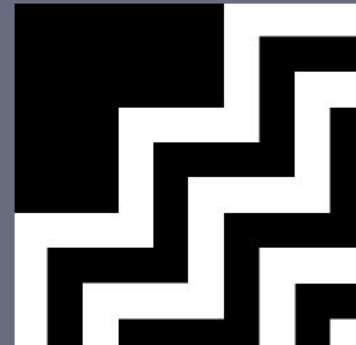
Tiro Whakamuri - Background

‘E anga whakamuri te titiro, kia pai ai te anga whakamua.’
‘Look to the past to inform the future.’

- The Waitangi Tribunal held a priority hearing from 6-10 Dec 2021 into Governments COVID-19 response.
- Key findings: Breaches to Te Tiriti o Waitangi and its overarching mātāpono/principles, specifically of active protection, equity, options, tino rangatiratanga, and partnership.
- Key recommendations from the report suggest Government will remain in active breach until findings resolved.

Recommendation 1

Providing further funding, resourcing, data, and other support to Māori service providers and communities to support their pandemic response



Ngā kaupapa: Initiatives supported

Actions and progress in addressing recommendation 1:

- \$70.58 million to support rapid vaccination activities across Aotearoa
- \$39.23 million to build the resilience of vulnerable hapori Māori
- \$20.42 million to assist Māori to manage the impact of COVID-19

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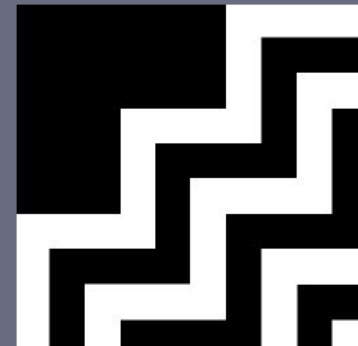
Following calls from Iwi for a 'By Māori, For Māori' marketing campaign to lift vaccination rates, Karawhiua was established. Its success has largely been due to:

- Partnership with Iwi Communications Collective
- On-going support from Iwi and hauora providers, who have been involved in inputting into the campaign strategy and delivering it at a regional level.
- High levels of trust and buy-in among Māori for the Karawhiua brand

Recommendation 2

Improving collection of, and reporting on data relating to ethnicity of people with disabilities

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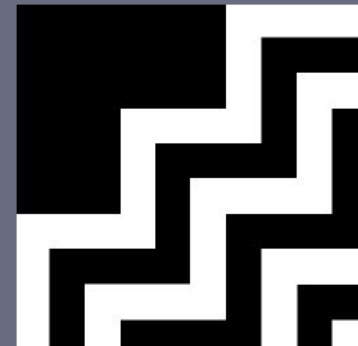
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- Steps have been taken to address the undercounting of Māori in vaccination rates. [link](#)
- Social Well-Being Agency developed a disability indicator which showed that disabled people had higher vaccination coverage than non-disabled, including for Māori disabled people.
- Strengthening the Ministry of Health's data sharing capability and capacity, which includes being able to share more data on COVID-19 vaccination uptake with Māori providers.
- Ministry of Health has work underway to improve the quality of disability data at a more granular level.

Recommendation 3

Strengthening the monitoring of the pandemic response to ensure accountability to Māori

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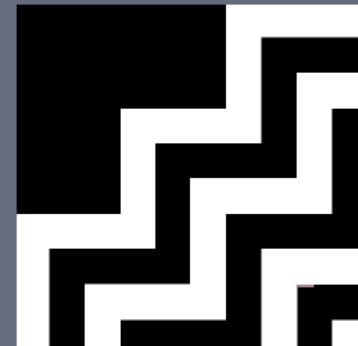
Pandemic response

- Health reforms strengthened stewardship, policy, and monitoring roles of Te Manatū Hauora.
- Establishment of ***Te Aka Whai Ora*** (Māori Health Authority) and ***Te Whatu Ora*** (Health New Zealand) will further bed-in mechanisms to support accountability.
- Te Puni Kōkiri working collaboratively with Te Aka Whai Ora and Te Whatu Ora on a monitoring approach.

Recommendation 4

Ensuring the paediatric vaccine and booster vaccine rollout is equitable

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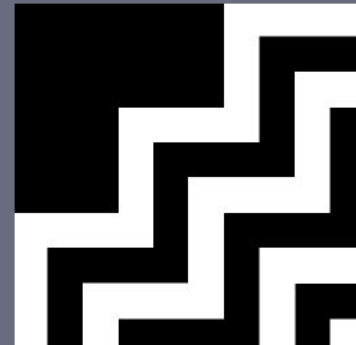


Pandemic response

- Approaches have evolved to help increase COVID-19 and flu vaccination coverage and put in place other measures to mitigate pressures on the health system and community. The 'winter package' announced in June includes:
- Widened free eligibility for COVID-19 second booster for Māori and Pacific peoples aged 50 years and older
- Improved access and expanded eligibility for COVID-19 antiviral medicines for Māori and Pacific peoples
- Significantly expanded access to free RATs and masks
- Working with Ngā Mana Whakahaere on vaccination misinformation and vaccine hesitancy.

Recommendation 5

Empowering Māori to coordinate the Māori pandemic response, including strengthening engagement between Māori and the Crown

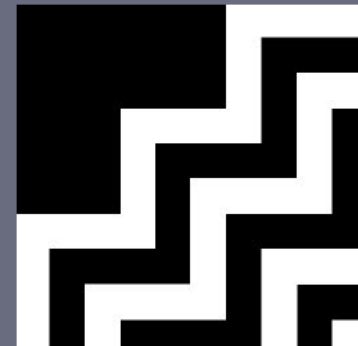


Strengthening engagement

- Engaging with National Iwi Chairs Forum on post-winter strategy and implementation of the baseline measures.
- Engaging with the National Iwi Chairs Forum on future pandemic legislative framework.
- Engaging with the Iwi Communications Collective on post-winter campaigns and advertisements for COVID-19.
- Engaging with National Māori Organisations and Iwi on post-winter strategy and implementation of the baseline measures.
- Engagements will allow partners to ask questions and have concerns addressed specific to the on-going pandemic response.

He aha ki tua | Next steps

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Next phase of pandemic management

- The Government's approach to managing COVID-19 continues to evolve. At present, there is significant work underway across agencies to support the evolving approach to COVID-19 management.
- We are interested to hear your preferences for engagement on the next phase of pandemic management.

Wānanga | Discussion

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