



Kāpuia Pānui 2022/18

20 December 2022

Tēnā koutou and welcome to the 18th and final edition of Kāpuia Pānui for 2022.

Agency updates on the RCOI Response Work Programme

1. Human Rights (Incitement on Ground of Religious Belief) Amendment Bill passes first reading in Parliament and now open for public submissions

On 14 December, legislation to extend current protections in the Human Rights Act which make it illegal to publish or distribute threatening, abusive, or insulting words likely to ‘excite hostility against’ or ‘bring into contempt’ any group on the grounds of colour, race, ethnic or national origins to cover religious belief passed its first reading in Parliament. The bill has been sent to the Justice Select Committee for public submissions and is due to report back to Parliament on 14 June 2023. Public submissions are now open and must be made by 2 February 2023. You can make a submission at this [link](#).

You can read the legislation and transcripts of debate speeches, as well as follow the progress of the legislation [here](#).

2. Updated timeframe for release of Intelligence and Security Act review

The review of the Intelligence and Security Act is now due to be delivered to the Intelligence and Security Committee by 31 January 2023 and will be available after it has been presented to Parliament. The review is considering whether the legislation can be improved to ensure it continues to be clear and effective, as well as considering relevant matters that were raised by the Royal Commission of Inquiry into the terrorist attack on Christchurch masjidain on 15 March 2019. More information about the review can be found [here](#).

3. Summary of consultation on Aotearoa’s National Security Strategy released

The Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (DPMC) has released a report to summarise what it heard from the public during engagement on the development of Aotearoa’s first national security strategy, from July to October 2022. The report highlighted key themes from public engagement including transparency and accessibility, education and the importance of te Tiriti o Waitangi. DPMC is now preparing Aotearoa’s first National Security Strategy, incorporating

insights from its engagement alongside further analysis. The full report on DPMC's consultation can be found [here](#).

4. New Arms Regulations for clubs and ranges now in force

Regulations for shooting clubs and shooting ranges came into force on 15 December 2022. The regulations implement amendments made in 2020 to the Arms Act 1983 that established a regulatory framework for shooting clubs and shooting ranges. Police incorporated feedback from public consultation undertaken through submissions and workshops with established advisory groups, including Kāpuia. The key themes addressed in the final regulations Police developed included changing proposed age restrictions, reducing fees, reducing the burden of compliance, removing the requirement for committee members to hold a firearms licence, and removing the requirement to record details of when individual duty officers are on duty. The full report on the new arms regulations can be found [here](#).

Other information

5. Reports released into LynnMall Supermarket Attacker

On 14 December, two reports were released into the LynnMall attack which occurred in September 2021. The first report is a coordinated review by the Independent Police Conduct Authority (IPCA), the Office of the Inspectorate for the Department of Corrections and the Inspector-General of Intelligence and Security of the management of the Lynn Mall supermarket attacker and the second is the IPCA Report into the fatal shooting of the attacker. The coordinated review report can be found [here](#). The IPCA report can be found [here](#).

6. Agencies respond to the reports released into LynnMall Supermarket Attacker

The Chief Executive of the Department of Corrections, the Commissioner of New Zealand Police and the Director-General of the New Zealand Security Intelligence Service (NZSIS) have responded to the combined review on the management of the Lynn Mall supermarket attacker.

The Department of Corrections has noted that since the reviews, it has taken steps to strengthen its psychological services in the area of violent extremism and disengagement. The full statement by the Department of Corrections can be found [here](#). The New Zealand Police has noted that it is continuing to develop its approach and capability to disengage individuals who have become radicalised. The full statement by the New Zealand Police can be found [here](#). The NZSIS acknowledged the findings of the report which state that the NZSIS acted lawfully and appropriately and noted it has gained insights to ensure its intelligence continues to achieve good national security outcomes. The full statement by the NZSIS can be found at this [link](#).

7. Coroner dismisses application to replace counsel assisting Inquiry into Christchurch Masjidain Attack

On 7 December, the Coroner for the Inquiry into the Christchurch Masjidain Attack dismissed an application to replace Counsel appointed to assist the Inquiry. The application does not relate to any of the substantive issues for the Inquiry as decided in the April 2022 Scope Decision. The Coroner's written decision can be read [here](#). More information on the coronial inquiry can be found [here](#).

In the community

8. New appointments to Kāpuia from rainbow and disability communities

The Government has appointed two new members to Kāpuia. Sally Dellow has been appointed from the rainbow community and Roberta Watene has been appointed from the disability community. The two appointments fill vacancies which speak with the lived experience of these communities. As identified in the Kāpuia Terms of Reference, the roopu should have representation from diverse communities to reflect views from iwi Māori, communities, civil society, local government, the private sector, affected whānau, survivors and witnesses, academia, the Royal Commission Muslim Community Reference Group, Pasifika, rural, rainbow and disability communities. More information about Kāpuia can be found on its webpage by clicking this [link](#).

9. Upcoming dates of significance

- 18th-26th December is Hanukkah (Judaism). Hanukkah is celebrated in Judaism to commemorate the rededication of the Second Temple of Jerusalem by the lighting of candles on each day of the festival.
- 25 December is Christmas Day (Christian) and celebrates the birth of Jesus Christ.

Noho ora mai and have a safe and restful summer holiday.

The Kāpuia Secretariat