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Attn: Future Pathways Policy Team Ministry of Business, Innovation & Employment

Kāhui Rangahau o Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei

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Kei ngā muka tangata kua rangitāmirotia nei e tā tātou kaupapa nui, kaupapa herehere ngā whakaaro nui, tāngata hoki, aku mihi nui ki a koutou kei Hīkina Whakatūtuki
Tēnā koutou katoa

The Kāhui Rangahau o Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei here provides a submission to Te Ara Paerangi – Future Pathways Green pathway as a view on how it sees Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei aspirations reflected in this process. The Kāhui Rangahau (KRNOW) o Ngāti Whātua o Ōrākei was established to support Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei and its entities to implement appropriate, effective research policy and practice for the creation and utilisation of knowledge to inform and impact all areas of the iwi, including governance and leadership, as well as cultural, social, economic, educational and innovative development.

The Kāhui and associated groups within the entities looks to provide support to enable the iwi to set more appropriate direction and strategy, empowers iwi to stand confident in the sure knowledge that they have the best understanding of their own needs, issues and capability, and guides and informs others outside of the iwi – hapori, external research organisations and other research stakeholders about how to appropriately engage with Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei. All matters in those relationships should reflect partnership-based approaches or those informing best practice research with a Māori or Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei world view, with an expectation of iwi mana Motuhake. As tangata whenua ki te pokapū o Tāmaki Makaurau we have an interest of all rangahau that is conducted within our rohe, but also carry that responsibility to where possible play a supporting role in ensuring the integrity of research practices that may impact that of other iwi within our rohe where there is appropriate awareness.

We've provided some feedback below regarding the key questions asked in the consultation pack but as a Kāhui we agree that our preferred method of engagement be with the Hīkina Whakatūtuki Future Pathways Policy Team either face to face within Tāmaki Makaurau to provide feedback, or if appropriate via zoom. We would be happy to receive the policy team here in Ōrākei.

Research Priorities

Principles

The principles by which NWO grounds itself are captured in the attached long term Strategic plan (p. 6, Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei Strategic plan). Each entity has worked on approached to operationalise these principles. Informing this though is the desire to stand as Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei. These principles are the basis for broad research engagement and what we are required to consider. We would expect we could reflect these in research outcomes and their impact for the iwi.



Te Tiriti, Mātauranga Māori, and Māori aspirations

As mentioned earlier we would prefer to be engaged on our marae within our rohe under our tikanga in order to show appropriate manaakitanga to the process of consultation and that it be reciprocated in kind.

Enable and protect Mātauranga Māori in the research system

Every research partnership we have that meaningfully contributes to includes Mātauranga māori. All knowledge that is generated from within our community, is Mātauranga māori, therefore we need ways to ensure the integrity, the mana of that Mātauranga is protected and be enabled where appropriate to flourish.

We consider that it is essential to engage with and hear local iwi, hapū, whānau marae community views in shaping the research landscape. These communities must be recognised as, and enabled to continue to be, actively engaged in research rather than treated as passive recipients of these policy reforms.

Recognising marae, as well as whānau and hapū as knowledge-making and knowledge-using communities with knowledge needs and aspirations in their own right.

Including marae, as well as whānau and hapū as partners in determining research needs and aspirations, and appropriate ethical research practice.

Enabling marae, as well as whānau and hapū to design and undertake research (with or without research partners of their choosing).

Regionally based Māori knowledge hubs

Appropriate recognition and engagement with existing regional knowledge “hubs” that are marae. Genuine partnerships with marae as a critical part of our epistemic landscape. Currently the research system can’t accommodate an underdeveloped research lexicon within our space because of the limited resources to be able to develop in this space. We, and possibly māori generally are on the back foot of every research conversation in the community. Research hubs within the community, such as marae, could be the ideal mechanism to help with this translation. Resourcing marae-based experts would be part of this solution. Community based hubs could also help address pipeline issues of māori into research-based careers.

Institutions

How do we design Te Tiriti enabled institutions

Requiring and resourcing genuine partnerships with iwi, hapū, whānau, marae communities (kāinga) outlined in Te Tiriti. Strong and enduring partnerships with iwi and community-led approaches are required and essential.

Recognising research institutions (CRIs, Universities) as one part of our epistemic infrastructure and thereby broadening of our understanding of that infrastructure to include marae and local community practitioners alongside academics and policymakers. Strengthening relationships within this ecosystem will ensure research enables positive transformative change on the ground. A more inclusive epistemic system and one that recognises and resources the knowledge expertise and needs of marae and other local community practitioners is critical. Enduring partnerships help us address, as ahi kā and kaitiaki within our rohe longstanding issues and challenges, such as climate change, for



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our mokopuna. As an iwi we have a long connection with our space and will continue to do so. It makes sense that a Te Tiriti enabled Institute has our voice.

This is a small summary of key points we think are critical to consider in the green paper on behalf of Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei as the Kāhui Rangahau. We reiterate the willingness to meet with the Policy team ā-kanohi to add to the points in this submission.

E tika ana te rētōtanga o te whakaaro kei roto ki tēnei whakatauākī, “Ko tātou te kauaka o ō tātou tūpuna. Ko tātou hei whakaawe i te reanga hou kia rangatira te kawea o ngā taonga tuku iho”. We are the living vessels of our ancestors. We will inspire the next generation to be outstanding ambassadors for the treasures of our tribe. This whakatauākī captures our motivations for now and for the future. Thank you for receiving and considering this submission.

Ngā manaakitanga,

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