

SUBMISSION

TE ARA PAERANGI – FUTURE PATHWAYS GREEN PAPER

This submission is on behalf of the Office of Treaty Partnership, Kā Waimaero | the Ngāi Tahu Centre (NTC). NTC is part of the relationship that forms the commitment of the University of Canterbury to meet its requirements to its Treaty partner, Ngāi Tahu, as stated in legislation. The 1996 Te Runanga o Ngāi Tahu Act and the 1998 Ngāi Tahu Claims Settlement are collectively quite clear that Ngāi Tahu are the Treaty partner with the Crown within the takiwa set in the 1996 Act. Section 6 (7-8) of the Ngāi Tahu Claims Settlement Act is also explicit that the Crown recognises Ngāi Tahu 'rangatiratanga' within its takiwa and that the Crown is obligated to co-operate. Specifically the section states,

7. . . . the Crown recognises Ngāi Tahu as the tāngata whenua of, and as holding rangatiratanga within, the Takiwā of Ngāi Tahu Whānui.

8 . . . Accordingly, the Crown seeks on behalf of all New Zealanders to . . . enter a new age of co-operation with Ngāi Tahu.

To this end, the University of Canterbury and Ngāi Tahu is the sole University that has entered into a formal partnership with a statutorily recognized Treaty partner. That relationship is taken seriously through NTC. NTC comes under the leadership of the Pou Whakarae, Professor Te Maire Tau, Ūpoku Ngāi Tūāhuriri.

NTC supports the core principles of Te Ara Paerangi – Future Pathways Green paper. We acknowledge the importance of commencing an open, wide ranging and deliberative conversation about the future of New Zealand's research system with a particular emphasis on the public research system. This is a discussion of significant importance to Ngāi Tahu, and one that there must be ample opportunity to be involved in. NTC advocates for the advancement of a national research system that embraces te ao Māori, Māori world views and mātauranga, and the upholding Te Tiriti o Waitangi, a research system that supports and delivers research that upholds the mana and aspirations of tangata whenua.

Our submission has a particular focus on the concepts canvassed in Chapter 2 – Te Tiriti Mātauranga Māori Me Ngā WawaTao Te Māori.

Te Ara Paerangi acknowledges that current responsiveness to Māori in the RSI sector is weak and models of engagement poor. We note that most of our research revenue is Iwi based but ultimately benefits the nation. We make this point to illustrate the inequity and believe we should possess parity with the Crown research entities. We support the exploration of how the Aotearoa research system can best honour Te Tiriti obligations and opportunities, give life to Māori research aspirations and enable mātauranga Māori.

We support:

- The further exploration and development of opportunities for Māori to have meaningful engagement in the research sector with a particular emphasis on enabling a functional response to the incorporation of Te Tiriti and mātauranga Māori in the sector.
- The establishment of Iwi based engagement hubs/facilitators/research centres to partner and provide relevant expertise to the sector during the development and design of research to ensure alignment with Iwi priorities.
- A system that has a strong focus on applied, transdisciplinary research to address regional needs.
- A system that supports, develops and grows Māori research capability and capacity, both within communities and institutions with a specific and targeted focus on supporting early career Māori researchers.

We look forward to being part of these on-going discussions to envision a better research system for tomorrow.



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