



Tauaki tikanga

Statement of Practice for kaupapa Māori initiatives

Titiro whakamuri

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Look back and reflect

So you can move forward



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Introduction

This Statement of Practice - tauaki tikanga – has been developed by WSNZ to ensure the delivery of its kaupapa Māori programmes is culturally appropriate and supports WSNZ’s strategic objectives for Māori.

Background

In August 2019 Water Safety New Zealand (WSNZ) entered into an agreement with the Accident Compensation Corporation (ACC) to test an approach for addressing the high drowning rate of Māori, taking a kaupapa Māori approach, via *Kia Maanu, Kia Ora*, WSNZ’s Māori Water Safety Strategy.

As part of the *Kia Maanu, Kia Ora* (KMKO) funding agreement between WSNZ and ACC, WSNZ has several obligations which it must comply with in return for receiving funding. These include that WSNZ must:

- Comply with the Standards of Integrity and Conduct issued by the State Services; and
- Deliver services in a manner that is culturally appropriate for Māori, Asian, Pacific and other ethnic or indigenous groups:

WSNZ is also required to ensure that “all individuals engaged in relation to this [ACC KMKO] Agreement for the delivery of Services” comply with these obligations. This means those who WSNZ contracts to deliver kaupapa Māori drowning prevention initiatives using funds provided by ACC are required to comply with WSNZ’s contractual obligations to ACC.

WSNZ Code of Conduct for Funded Partners

As seen in the Appendix 1 is WSNZ’s Code of Conduct for Funded Partners which is based on the Standards of Integrity and Conduct issued by the State Services. WSNZ has adapted these for its funding contracts, as not all these standards were relevant for non-government organisations.

Application: WSNZ’s integrity and conduct requirements are to apply to all providers receiving WSNZ funding for the 2021/22 year.

WSNZ goals for Māori

WSNZ has recently refreshed its Māori strategy in partnership with a group of Māori water safety experts collectively known and Tangaroa Ara Rau. In developing the new strategy, WSNZ:

1. Acknowledges the status of Māori as tangata whenua and as partners with the Crown in the Treaty of Waitangi;
2. Acknowledges and upholds its responsibilities as good citizens of NZ to be good Treaty partners;
3. Considers that the principles of the Treaty of Waitangi align with the aims of WSNZ in relation to Māori and offer a suitable foundation for the planning and delivery of drowning prevention activity for Māori. In practical terms this means:
 - **Partnership** involves working together with iwi, hapū, whanau and Māori communities to develop strategies for Māori water safety and appropriate prevention services.
 - **Participation** requires Māori to be involved at all levels of the water safety sector, including in governance, decision-making, planning, development and delivery of water safety and drowning prevention services.

- **Protection.** involves WSNZ working to ensure Māori have at least the same level of health as non-Māori, and safeguarding Māori cultural concepts, values and practices.

These goals for Māori are consistent with the objectives of WSNZ's ACC KMKO programme and have informed the development of this Statement of Practice - tauaki tikanga.

Statement of Values

WSNZ has been working with a group of Maori water safety experts operating as Tangaroa Ara Rau on the refresh of the WSNZ's Māori water safety strategy. This strategy aims to improve Māori drowning prevention outcomes. As part of this work WSNZ and Tangaroa Ara Rau explored how a holistic approach to Māori water safety that includes cultural and spiritual elements, can be given effect in Māori water safety initiatives and programmes.

Tangaroa Ara Rau developed a set of values to guide their work on Māori water safety and these have been adapted into following values to apply to WSNZ's ACC KMKO programme.

In delivering WSNZ's ACC KMKO initiatives it is expected that contracted partners demonstrate values that are consistent with Māori social and cultural expectations and support Māori self-determined development. These are held to be:

Kotahitanga: Māori unity, shared sense of belonging

Refers to decisions made by Māori to identify and work as Māori in association with Māori for the benefit of Māori development.

Whanaungatanga: An ethic of belonging, kinship

Acknowledges the importance of networks and relationships and, therefore, of developing, managing, and sustaining relationships. It involves caring for and working harmoniously with others to achieve common goals using relational strategies such as tuakana-teina.

Kaitiakitanga: Guardianship of natural resources

This is about responsible environmental management and sustainable enterprise. It includes the taking care of assets for future generations, as opposed to ownership and the right to divest assets.

Wairuatanga: Spirituality

That attention and resources are committed to ensuring that spiritual protocols are observed in everyday functioning within the organisation, and in relationships with others.

Manaakitanga: Hospitality, generosity, care, and giving

A group or organisation should be able to host and provide for people appropriately and resources should be allocated for this purpose.

Tuhono: Cross-sectoral alignment of Māori aspirations on all dimensions

This supports the holistic or 'multiple bottom line' approach: profit-related and socially-oriented goals can be intertwined.

Puawaitanga: The best possible return is sought on integrated goals

This supports the measurement of success against multiple outcomes, including, but not just financial outcomes.

Purotu: Multiple responsibilities and levels of accountability

This emphasises the responsibilities and accountabilities that Māori organisations often hold to current and future generations, wider whānau, hapū, or iwi groups. It relates also to the particular laws and requirements of Māori organisations, particularly those managing collectively-owned assets.

Application

The values outlined above are to apply to all kaupapa Māori providers receiving funding for ACC KMKO programmes in 2021/22 and onwards.

This Statement of Practice – tauaki tikanga - will be included in WSNZ's funding contracts with kaupapa Māori providers. This means that agreement to the terms of the funding contract means agreement to the Statement of Practice – tauaki tikanga.