



Kāpuia Pānui 2022/02

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Tēnā koutou and welcome to the second edition of Kāpuia Pānui for 2022.

Agency updates on the RCOI Response Work Programme

1. Update on work to support ongoing recovery needs of affected whānau, survivors and witnesses

In relation to **Recommendation 26** (establish a Community Impact Board), the CIB met with the Kāpuia Chair in January. CIB has also launched a website as a single source of truth to help keep the community informed. The website can be found by clicking this link: https://www.collectiveimpactboard.org.nz/en_NZ/

The Secretariat has received the following updates from MSD on RCOI **Recommendation 25**. MSD coordinates government agencies for ongoing recovery support through the Kaiwhakaoranga Service, including assigning victims a single point of contact to navigate public sector support on their behalf. MSD report that the Kaiwhakaoranga Service continues to see an increase in the number of people accessing their support and that housing, immigration and employment continue to be key issues for the community. They have also recently supported the community through the coronial hearing process and are continuing to support people who have to self-isolate or are affected by COVID-19.

2. Terms of Reference released for Intelligence and Security Act Review

Terms of Reference for the Intelligence and Security Act Review were gazetted on Wednesday. The review of security and intelligence agencies and the Act will be carried out by the Honourable Sir Terence Arnold and Matanuku Mahuika. Dr Penelope Ridings will act as a special advisor to the review.

The regular review was brought forward through legislation last year, to respond to the issues raised in the RCOI Report relating to the Act. The Gazette Notice states that the review is not intended to replicate the 2016 fundamental review that resulted in substantial changes to the legislative framework.

Instead it will look at what improvements need to be made, if any, so that the Act is clear, effective, and fit for purpose, as well as considering the relevant matters raised by the RCOI report.

The Terms of Reference notes the review is to have particular regard to the following matters:

- whether the Act appropriately balances national, community and individual security with individual privacy and other rights;
- whether the Act sufficiently enables and controls target discovery activity by the intelligence and security agencies;
- whether the authorisation framework under the Act can be improved to better serve the purpose of the Act;
- whether the Act adequately provides, and has appropriate protections and oversight in place, for the collection of intelligence by both intelligence and security agencies. In particular the processing, analysis, retention and destruction of collected information/data;
- how the Act may best enable the intelligence and security agencies to appropriately and effectively cooperate and share information with New Zealand government agencies and other partners;

The Terms of Reference note that the reviewers will need to take account of the fact that the establishment of a new national intelligence and security agency (recommendation 2 of the RCOI) is being considered by DPMC as part of a review of the overarching national security policy settings and the reviewers will need to be cognisant of that work as it develops; and that the structure and current separation of the intelligence and security agencies will be considered as part of DPMC's work on the overarching national security policy settings. The Terms of Reference also outline how the review is to be conducted including the need for it to be transparent and for wide community consultation. The review is due to be completed by 30 September 2022.

You can read the full Gazette notice by clicking [here](#).

3. Preventing and Countering Violent Extremism (PCVE) Strategic Framework

DPMC has convened a cross-sectoral working group to collaborate on the development of a PCVE Framework, which involves civil society and community experts, academics, and government. The Working Group met for the first time in February where discussions were had on the problem definition, terminology, current experiences of violent extremism and radicalisation, and work that is already

occurring to prevent and counter violent extremism and radicalisation. A major part of this work will also include wider conversations and kōrero with interested people, communities, groups and organisations as part of the wider public engagement to shape the Strategic Framework. This will occur in two phases during the first half of 2022; firstly, on the problem definition and scope of the Strategic Framework, and then on the solutions and actions that need to be taken. This wider engagement will be undertaken at the 'involve' level of the IAP2 framework.

DPMC will begin wider public engagement later this month.

4. Establishment of He Whenua Taurikura Centre of Research Excellence

Cabinet agreed in December 2020 to establish a National Centre of Research Excellence, in response to **Recommendation 14** of the RCOI Report to fund independent New Zealand-specific research on the causes of, and measures to prevent, violent extremism and terrorism. The Centre has provisionally been named He Whenua Taurikura, which translates to 'a country at peace'.

DPMC is leading the establishment of this Centre, which will bring together research organisations and institutes, civil society organisations, and government to research preventing and countering violent extremism, with a focus on understanding diversity and promoting social cohesion. The Centre's research work will inform public discussion on preventing and countering violent extremism and guide the work of policy agencies across government.

DPMC also advised that work is underway to establish the Centre as a legal entity (a charitable trust) and a call for expressions of interest for members of the Centre's Governance Board will be issued shortly. We understand this Board is expected to comprise representatives from tangata whenua, academia, civil society, and government. DPMC is also in the final stages of appointing the inaugural Co-Directors of this Centre, and expect that these will be confirmed shortly, with an announcement and launch of the Centre in the first half of 2022.

As a first step in funding New Zealand research, thirteen He Whenua Taurikura Master's Scholarships for postgraduate research on countering and preventing terrorism and violent extremism were awarded for the 2022 academic year, with many successful applicants starting their studies in February. Recipients are from a diverse set of backgrounds and universities, and their details and areas of study will be published on the DPMC website once all the scholarship agreements are finalised.

It is expected that, once appointed, the Co-Directors will convene and lead the Advisory Group on Counter-Terrorism (**Recommendation 7**), to ensure that the advice this group provides is sufficiently

independent from government. The Co-Directors will also, in the future, lead the organisation of the He Whenua Taurikura annual hui on countering terrorism and violent extremism (**Recommendation 16**).

5. Proactive release of November Cabinet Paper on RCOI work programme and Progress Tracker

DPMC has proactively released the November Cabinet Paper on the Government RCOI response work programme and the public progress tracker. All of the proactively released documents can be found on DPMC's website by clicking [here](#).

Other information

6. Masjid attacks coronial inquiry update

The Coronial hearing into the scope of the inquiry was held between 22-24 February 2022. The next steps will be for the Coroner to publicly announce the scope of the inquiry. No date has been set for the inquiry hearings to take place at this stage.

7. Parliament passes Harmful Digital Communications (Unauthorised Posting of Intimate Visual Recording) Amendment Bill

On 2 March Parliament passed a bill which makes it an offence for a person to post a digital communication containing intimate visual recordings of another person without their explicit consent. Failure to do so can now result in three years imprisonment or a \$50,000 fine.

In the community

8. Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu recognised for diversity and inclusion

Congratulations to Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu under the leadership of our chair Arihia Bennett for taking out the Diversity and Inclusion Leadership Award at the Deloitte Top 200 Awards this week. The award

honours an organisation that has identified and addressed specific diversity and inclusion challenges and opportunities with an innovative solution.

9. Dates of significance

There are many cultural dates of importance to New Zealand's diverse communities in March and we acknowledge that March 15 sadly marks the third anniversary of the Christchurch masjid attacks.

Noho ora mai

The Kāpuia Secretariat