



**Briefing Note:** Background information and talking points for attendance at the Teaching Council's launch of its leadership centre; Rauhuia

<b>To:</b>	Hon Chris Hipkins, Minister of Education		
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### Purpose of Paper

- The Teaching Council is holding a forum with sector representatives to share its thinking about the development of and direction for its leadership centre, Rauhuia. This briefing note provides background information and talking points to support your attendance at that event.
- You have received the agenda and background papers from the Council for the event. It will be held on Thursday 25 February from 4.00pm - 5.15pm, at the Wellington Zoo.
- You have been asked to speak for 5 minutes just before 5pm.

### Proactive release

**Agree** that this Briefing will be proactively released.

**Agree / Disagree**



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## Background

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1. In November 2019, as part of its decisions on the Tomorrow's Schools review, Cabinet agreed that the Teaching Council should be invited to establish its activities in relation to educational leadership as a Leadership Centre. Cabinet also agreed that, subject to resourcing agreed through the budget process, the redesigned Ministry would be given additional functions to grow and lift the capability of all leaders. (SWC-19-MIN-0172)
2. The Council wrote to you in March 2020 accepting the invitation.
3. The Council is still working out the detail of what Rauhuia will do, and the Ministry is working with them on how the Ministry's role in supporting leadership in the system will complement the work of Rauhuia. The Council has indicated that the Leadership Strategy it published in 2018 (Annex 2) and the associated Leadership Capabilities Framework (Annex 3) will underpin the direction set by Rauhuia.
4. The event will not be announcing details related to the operational relationship between the Ministry of Education and the Teaching Council for the implementation of Rauhuia, as this model is still being discussed.
5. No additional Government funding has been set aside to support the operationalising of Rauhuia, and teachers have expressed concern about increases to the Teaching Council fees for registration and practising certificates.

## Risks

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6. There is a risk for the Council that, despite broad support in the profession for the leadership strategy, teachers may not support the Council using any of its fees revenue to establish Rauhuia. As noted above, no additional government or Ministry funding has been set aside to support the operation of Rauhuia.
7. The PPTA has filed an application for judicial review of the Council's decisions relating to increased fees and the move to an annual certification period. In November, the High Court declined the PPTA's application to stay the fee increase pending the outcome of the substantive hearing. The substantive hearing will likely take place in May.
8. In addition to seeking declarations relating to fees and annual practising certificates, the PPTA is also seeking to reverse the decision to establish a Leadership Centre within the Council.
9. The discussions the Ministry is having with the Council will help clarify our respective roles and responsibilities and help shape future communications about how Rauhuia will operate. These will also depend on the outcomes of the Judicial review.

## Annexes

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- Annex 1: Talking Points
- Annex 2: TC Leadership Strategy (*attached separately*)
- Annex 3: TC Educational Leadership Capability Framework (*attached separately*)

**Note: Annexes 2 and 3 publicly available at:**

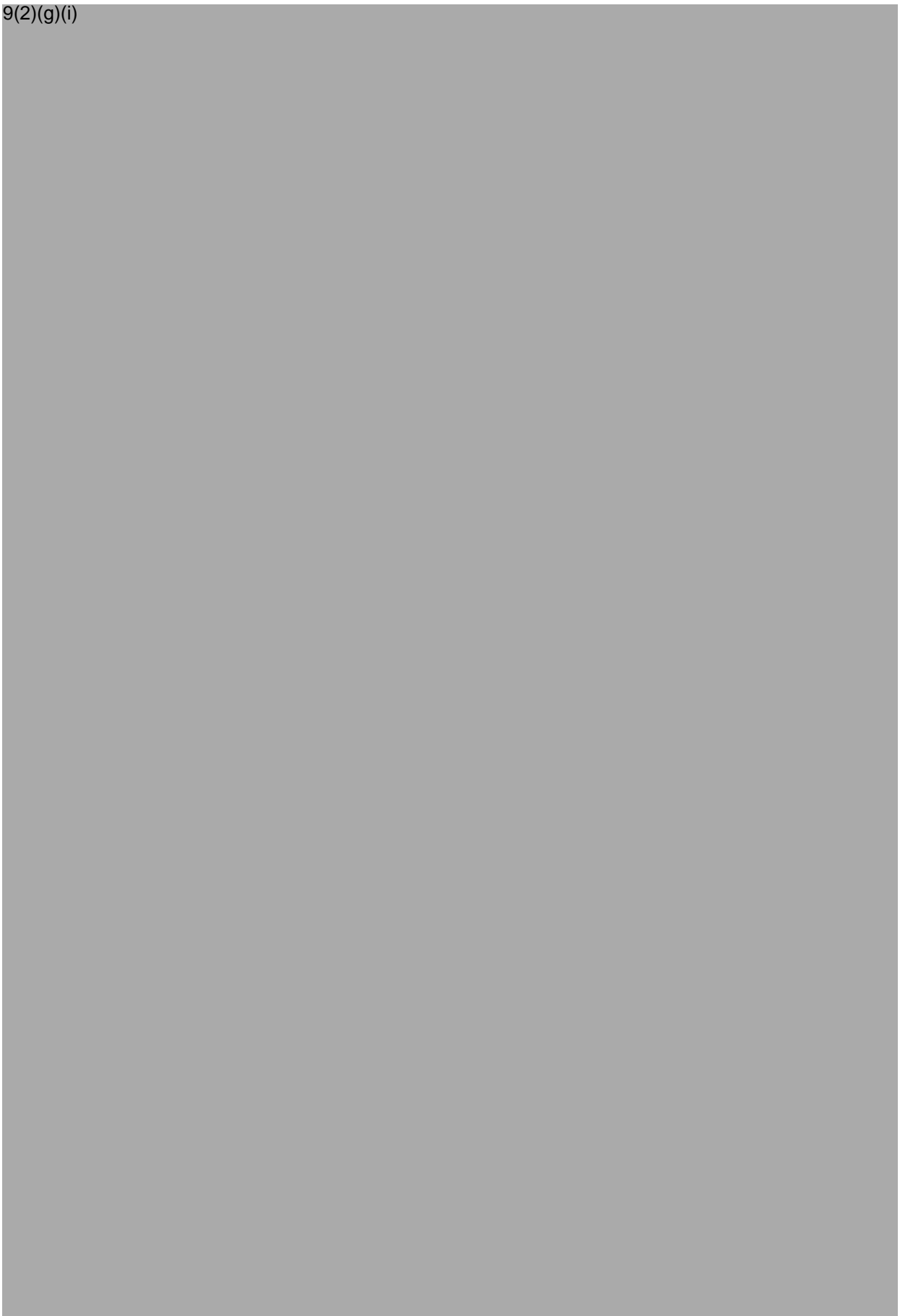
[https://teachingcouncil.nz/assets/Files/Leadership-Strategy/Leadership\\_Strategy.pdf](https://teachingcouncil.nz/assets/Files/Leadership-Strategy/Leadership_Strategy.pdf)

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Annex 1: Talking points for attendance at the Teaching Council's launch of its leadership centre; Rauhuia

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