



## Education Report: *Gazetting Te Whāriki*: Cabinet paper for consultation

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### Purpose of Report

The purpose of this paper is for you to agree to provide the draft Cabinet paper for Ministerial consultation before lodging it with the Cabinet Office on 26 May for consideration by the Social Wellbeing Committee (SWC) on 1 June 2022.

### Summary

In March 2022, you agreed to public consultation on gazetting *Te Whāriki* in June and July 2022 [METIS: 128053 refers].

Following this feedback, we propose the consultation happens from 13 June to 25 July 2022. Accordingly, we have updated the draft Cabinet paper and draft consultation document to reflect this timeframe and developments since March.

While in September 2021 you reviewed and consulted on a previous version of the draft Cabinet paper with your Ministerial colleagues, we recommend that you consult with your colleagues again, given changes in the current draft and the time that has elapsed.

For the Cabinet paper to be considered by SWC on 1 June 2022, we will need your feedback and any feedback from your Ministerial colleagues by 23 May 2022.

### Recommended Actions

The Ministry of Education recommends you:

- Note** that you agreed to public consultation on gazetting *Te Whāriki* in June and July 2022 [METIS: 128053 refers].

**Noted**

- b. **Note** that we propose the consultation happens from 13 June to 25 July 2022.

**Noted**

- c. **Agree** to provide the draft Cabinet paper for Ministerial consultation before lodging it with the Cabinet Office on 26 May for consideration by the Social Wellbeing Committee on 1 June 2022.

**Agree** / Disagree

- d. **Agree** to provide feedback on the attached draft Cabinet paper if required.

**Agree** / Disagree

- e. **Agree** to lodge a Cabinet paper and draft consultation plan on 6 May for consideration by the Social Wellbeing Committee (SWC) on 1 June 2022.

**Agree** / Disagree

- f. **Agree** that the Ministry of Education release this briefing in full once it has been considered by you and the Cabinet Social Wellbeing Committee, with any information that may need to be withheld is in line with the provisions of the Official Information Act 1982.

**Agree** / Disagree



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06/05/2022



Hon Chris Hipkins  
**Minister of Education**

10/ 6/ 2022

Note: dates have changed due to COVID-19 disruption and ministerial travel etc.


## Background

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- 1 Action 4.1 of the Early learning Action Plan 2019–2029 (ELAP) is to “Gazette the curriculum framework, *Te Whāriki*,<sup>1</sup> to support engagement with the principles, strands, goals and learning outcomes when designing local curricula.”
- 2 As you are aware, the Ministry has been undertaking targeted engagement with sector stakeholders on this ELAP action since the beginning of 2021. Sector feedback continues to confirm support to gazette the full curriculum frameworks of *Te Whāriki* and *Te Whāriki a te Kōhanga Reo*.
- 3 However, due to the ongoing impact of COVID-19 wider public consultation on gazetting *Te Whāriki* has been delayed in the past two years. In March 2022, you agreed to public consultation on gazetting *Te Whāriki* in June and July 2022 (METIS: 128053 refers).
- 4 To meet this timeframe, we propose the public consultation happens from 13 June to 25 July 2022. We have updated the draft Cabinet paper and draft consultation document to reflect this timeframe and developments since March.
- 5 Following approval to release the consultation documents by SWC, we recommend consultation occurs from 13 June to 25 July 2022.

## Draft Cabinet paper for Ministerial consultation

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- 6 We have updated the draft Cabinet paper with the new proposed timeline for public consultation.
- 7 The major change to the draft Cabinet paper is a new section (paragraphs 38-39) explaining the draft te ao Māori interpretation of the goals and learning outcomes of *Te Whāriki*. 9(2)(f)(iv)  

- 8 Gazetting *Te Whāriki* would be fiscally neutral, and any costs would be met within Ministry baseline. The national early childhood curriculum document, *Te Whāriki*, and the Te Whāriki Online platform provide services with the guidance they need to implement the proposed expanded curriculum framework.
- 9 As the proposed te ao Māori interpretation of the goals and learning outcomes of *Te Whāriki* is not currently in the national curriculum document, the Ministry is planning to provide professional learning and development through baseline funding for Māori medium early childhood services to support them to use this.
- 10 The attached Cabinet paper has the following appendices:
  - Appendix 1: Consultation on gazetting *Te Whāriki*: Expanding the Early Childhood Curriculum Framework [draft consultation document]
  - Appendix 2: Education (Early Childhood Education Curriculum Framework) Notice 2008
- 11 While you have reviewed and consulted on a previous version of the draft Cabinet paper with your Ministerial colleagues in September 2021, we recommend that you

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<sup>1</sup> *Te Whāriki: He whāriki mātauranga mō ngā mokopuna o Aotearoa Early childhood curriculum (Te Whāriki)*

consult with your colleagues again, given changes in the current draft and the time that has elapsed.

- 12 Supporting material that has been drafted includes a webpage, online survey (in both English and te reo Māori), a summary of the consultation document (in English, te reo Māori and Pacific languages). Four online hui will also be held with services in June and July. On the advice of your Office, we have not appended the full suite of material to the Cabinet paper – only the draft consultation document, which contains the key messages in the other material.

### Next steps

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- 13 For the Cabinet paper to be considered by SWC on 1 June 2022, we will need your feedback and any feedback from your Ministerial colleagues by 23 May 2022. This is so we can incorporate any feedback before planned lodging with the Cabinet Office on 26 May 2022 for consideration by SWC on 1 June 2022 and Cabinet on 7 June 2022.

### Annex

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Annex 1: Consultation on expanding the legal curriculum framework for early learning [draft Cabinet paper]