

## RAPID RESPONSE

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### Request

Comment on any tweaks [made] to the [enabling electronic school board elections] cab paper following Ministerial consultation and include the feedback from the TRN hui on the changes.

### Ministry Response

Since you reviewed the school board elections Cabinet paper on 16 November [METIS: 1274842 refers], officials have received feedback from Te Rūnanga Nui o Ngā Kaupapa Māori o Aotearoa (TRN) and made some minor changes as a result of Ministerial Consultation. This feedback does not materially change the Cabinet paper's content, but the feedback from TRN does guide future work to enable hui-based elections.

### Background

1. Enabling electronic school board elections is part of a wider work programme to modernise the school board election framework. This wider work programme includes enabling hui based elections, which may require changes to the Education and Training Act 2020, as well as other potential changes to the Act, including broadening the co-option and appointment criteria for board members. These changes were all timetabled to be in place before the 2023 mid-term board elections.
2. Public consultation on these proposals in April-June this year supported all proposals. More recently you agreed to delay the 2022 triennial elections, to enable electronic elections as an option. We considered that enabling hui elections would require more time for an extensive engagement process with Māori, the Māori-medium sector, Pacific communities, and other interested communities.

### Te Rūnanga Nui feedback

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## **Ministerial Consultation**

6. Two pieces of feedback were received through Ministerial consultation. These resulted in minor amendments to the Cabinet paper (highlighted in yellow). These were:
  - a. Paragraphs 24.5 and 28.6 - additional lines further clarifying that the framework for establishing electronic elections will be accessible for disabled people, in line with feedback received from the Minister for Disability Issues;
  - b. Appendix 1 – addition of a population implications analysis for Rural Communities in line with feedback received from the Minister for Rural Communities.