



Briefing Note: Re-engaging Ākonga in Education post-COVID-19 Delta – Revised Cabinet Paper

To	Hon Chris Hipkins, Minister of Education Hon Jan Tinetti, Associate Minister of Education		
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Purpose of Report

This report provides you with the final Cabinet paper *Re-engaging Ākonga post-COVID-19 Delta* for consideration at Cabinet Business Committee (CBC). It also attaches two sets of talking points: (a) seeking power to act at CBC and (b) comments about the paper for CBC.

Summary

- As discussed with your Offices, we have revised this paper to seek agreement to delegate authority to the Ministers of Finance and Education, in consultation with the Associate Minister of Education, to make fiscally neutral adjustments within non-departmental appropriations in Vote Education (up to \$15 million) to support measures to re-engage learners in education following Alert Levels 3 and 4 in Auckland.
- This paper is scheduled for consideration by CBC at its forthcoming meeting on 6 October 2021. You have agreed to seek power to act at CBC from Cabinet on 4 October. We have attached some talking points to support this request at Annex 2.
- We have also attached talking points for the Associate Minister of Education for us at CBC. These talking points cover what we are seeking to achieve and how funding may be reprioritised within Vote: Education.

Recommendations

1. We recommend that you:

- a **note** the attached Cabinet paper *Re-engaging Ākonga post COVID-19 Delta* (Annex 1) is scheduled to be considered by the Cabinet Business Committee on 6 October 2021;
- b **note** that we have provided talking points for the Associate Minister of Education at Annex 2 to support discussion about the paper.

Proactive Release

- c **agree** that the Ministry of Education does **not** release this briefing at this time as it is subject to future Cabinet consideration and budget decisions.

☒ Agree ☐ Disagree



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Annexures

- 1. Annex 1. Cabinet Paper: *Re-engaging Ākonga in Education post-COVID-19 Delta*
- 2. Annex 2. Talking Points for the Associate Minister of Education