

# Te Kahu o Taonui Update Iwi Māori Partnership Board and Localities in Te Taitokerau

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### **KEY POINTS:**

• The Te Kahu o Taonui tono (*Whanaungatanga Ki Taurangi*) for the Taumata Hauora to become an IMPB has been submitted by Te Aka Whai Ora into the formal process, for the first tranche of IMPBs. This process requires the Te Aka Whai Ora Board to agree and submit proposals to the Minister and Cabinet towards listing in legislation. The time frame for this to be completed will likely be the end of 2022, although if there are delays, it may not be until June 2023.

### For those wanting more detail....

## 1. WHAT ARE THE PURPOSE AND FUNCTIONS OF AN IWI MĀORI PARTNERSHIP BOARD?

The Pae Ora (Healthy Futures) Act 2022 lays out the purpose and function of IMPBs, as well as Te Aka Whai Ora's responsibilities.

The stated purpose of an IMPB is to *represent local Māori perspectives* on the *needs and aspirations of Māori* in relation to hauora Māori outcomes; how the *health sector is performing* in relation to those needs and aspirations; and the *design and delivery of services and public health interventions within localities*.

An iwi-Māori partnership board has the following functions (those related directly to localities noted in **bold font**):

- (a) to engage with whānau and hapū about local health needs, and communicate the results and insights from that engagement to Health New Zealand and the Māori Health Authority:
- (b) to evaluate the current state of hauora Māori in the relevant locality for the purpose of determining priorities for improving hauora Māori:
- (c) to work with Health New Zealand and the Māori Health Authority in agreeing to locality plans for a relevant locality:
- (d) to monitor the performance of the health sector in a relevant locality.

In addition, IMPBs are to engage with the Māori Health Authority and support its stewardship of hauora Māori and its priorities for kaupapa Māori investment and innovation; report on the activities of the Māori Health Authority to Māori within the area covered by the iwi-Māori partnership board; and nominate members for appointment to the Hauora Māori Advisory Committee.

Critically, the IMPB organisation must show:

- (i) it has the capacity and capability to perform its functions as an iwi-Māori partnership board; and
- (ii) that the organisation will engage with, and represent the views of, Māori within the area; and
- (iii) Māori communities and groups in the area can hold the organisation accountable for the performance of its functions in relation to the area.



Te Aka Whai Ora (the Māori Health Authority) must 'take reasonable steps' to support iwi-Māori partnership boards to achieve their purpose, including by:

- (i) providing administrative, analytical, or financial support where needed; and
- (ii) providing sufficient and timely information; and engage with iwi-Māori partnership boards when determining priorities for kaupapa Māori investment.

The Act also directs Health New Zealand to engage with IMPBs and provide sufficient and timely information to iwi-Māori partnership boards to support them in achieving their purpose.

# 2. LOCALITY DEVELOPMENT ROAD MAP (TE WHATU ORA)

