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Director - Hauora Māori Tūmatanui

Kei ngā iwi, ngā mātāwaka, ngā taura here o ngā hau e whā, tēnā koutou katoa.

Te Amokura Consultants, on behalf of Director, Hauora Māori Tūmatanui, Michelle Mako warmly welcome you to be part of the nationwide kōrero around the new smoking restrictions introduced this year as part of the Smokefree Environments and Regulated Products Act.

On 1 January 2023, New Zealand's smokefree laws changed to:

- Limit the number of smoked tobacco retail premises across the country to no more than 600
- Prevent tobacco being sold to anyone born on or after 1 January 2009
- Introduce very low nicotine levels for tobacco products to make them less appealing and addictive

Regulations are needed to fully deliver the legislative changes that will significantly reduce the retail availability of smoked tobacco products and reduce their appeal and addictiveness. The Government is also planning to introduce new regulations to help reduce the number of rangatahi vaping.

To ensure iwi, rōpū Māori and whānau are informed of the recent changes and have a say on the regulations, Manatū Hauora (Ministry of Health) will be hosting a series of nationwide consultation sessions during February and March 2023.

It is important to us to hear your views on this significant kaupapa.

If you would like to attend one of the hui below, please register through the provided links.

**** This hui will be run alongside consultation on the Hauora Māori Strategy and registrations for this hui closes on Monday 30th January 2023****

CITY	LOCATION	DATE	REGISTRATION LINK
Auckland	Te Mānukanuka o Hoturoa Marae 8 Uenuku Way, Māngere, Auckland	Wed 8 Feb 5:30pm-7:30pm	Register here
Whangārei	Semenoff Stadium 51 Okara Drive, Whangārei**	Thu 9 Feb 7:00pm-9:00pm	Register here
Whanganui	Community House Whanganui 60 Ridgway Street, Whanganui	Tue 14 Feb 5:30pm-7:30pm	Register here
Gisborne	The Emerald Centre - Conference Room 13 Gladstone Road, Gisborne	Thu 16 Feb 5:30pm-7:30pm	Register here
Rotorua	Rydges Hotel - Kōwhai Room 272 Fenton Street, Rotorua	Thu 16 Feb 5:30pm-7:30pm	Register here
Hamilton	Claudlands Events Centre Gate 4 Brooklyn Road, Claudlands, Hamilton**	Tue 21 Feb 7:00pm-9:00pm	Register here
Nelson	The Hotel Nelson 40 Waimea Road, Nelson	Mon 27 Feb 10:30am-12:30pm	Register here
Kaitia	Far North REAP - Kauri Room 33 Puckey Avenue, Kaitia	Tue 28 Feb 5:30pm-7:30pm	Register here
Wellington	Te Papa Museum 55 Cable Street, Te Aro, Wellington**	Tue 7 Mar 7:00pm-9:00pm	Register here
Dunedin	Dunedin Centre 1 Harrop Street, Central Dunedin, Dunedin**	Fri 10 Mar 7:00pm-9:00pm	Register here

Why this matters

Your voice and views will help shape the policies to achieve a Smokefree Aotearoa 2025. The consultation will focus on the following areas:

1. Hearing what matters to you/your community regarding the law change to reduce retail availability
2. How you think approved retailers should be determined
3. Your views on other regulations we are proposing to make (including the technical changes needed for only very low nicotine tobacco products to be sold)
4. Your views on proposals to strengthen vaping regulations to reduce their appeal to rangatahi
5. What support Māori communities might need when the law changes come into effect, for instance, the stop smoking services in your communities and whether these are sufficient?

For further information

You can access the full and summarised consultation documents here:

[Proposals for the Smoked Tobacco Regulatory Regime | Ministry of Health NZ](#)

This online consultation is one step in the consultation process and an opportunity for you to submit online feedback.

Te Amokura will soon be in touch with confirmed registrants with more information.

Ngā mihi aroha,

Te Amokura Consultants,
on behalf of Michelle Mako