

1 May 2023

Consultation on the Education and Training Amendment Bill (no 3)

We are pleased to provide comment to the Education and Workforce Committee on the Education and Training Amendment Bill (no 3).

About Te Rito Maioha Early Childhood New Zealand

Te Rito Maioha Early Childhood New Zealand (ECNZ) is an Incorporated Society of members committed to high quality early childhood education for every child. Established in 1963, the organisation is an influential leader in shaping today's early childhood sector through advocacy, policy, tertiary education qualifications and professional development programmes.

We advocate for early childhood education services and the teachers|kaiako who provide education to thousands of infants, toddlers, and children|tamariki. Our members are drawn from a diverse range of community-based, privately-owned, kindergarten and homebased early childhood education services.

Te Rito Maioha is also a registered Private Training Establishment (PTE) with the highest Category One rating for a tertiary provider. We are accredited and approved by New Zealand Qualifications Authority (NZQA) to deliver a range of undergraduate, graduate, and postgraduate qualifications (levels 4-9), including specialist teacher|kaiako education, both nationally and internationally.

We are committed to achieving high-quality teaching and learning by:

- increasing teachers' |kaiako knowledge of Te Tiriti o Waitangi and Aotearoa New Zealand's dual cultural heritage;
- providing access to online blended delivery of undergraduate, graduate, and postgraduate tertiary education programmes leading to recognised and approved qualifications;
- promoting quality teaching and leadership through ongoing professional learning and development programmes;
- providing a range of unique resources and services to our members.

Areas of submission

We would like to provide submissions on the following two areas:

- permitting the Ministry of Education to access early childhood education data from Statistics New Zealand
- ensuring employers assess Police vets for non-teaching employees and contractors

Access to early childhood education data

We agree that the Ministry of Education should be able to access ECE data from Statistics NZ to develop a new Equity Index that is based on accurate socio-economic information. We are satisfied that any data accessed will not include personal information unless the individual has consented to the publication or disclosure.

Ensuring employers assess Police vets for non-teaching employees and contractors

We strongly agree with this amendment. It is crucial that all people working with or having unsupervised access to tamariki at ECE services and schools are not only police vetted but that the results of that vet is assessed for any risks to the safety of children is made.

Make submission to Education and Workforce Committee by 1 May 2023

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