



20 February 2024

Tēnā koe

In support of WAI3307 on behalf of Merepeka Raukawa-Tait as an interested party

The Royal New Zealand College of General Practitioners (the College) is the largest medical college in New Zealand. Our membership of over 5,800 general practitioners and rural hospital doctors comprises 40 percent of New Zealand's specialist medical workforce. The Medical Council of New Zealand accredits the College to deliver vocational training to the specialist General Practitioner and Rural Hospital Doctor workforce. Our kaupapa aspires to improve equity by upholding principles of Te Tiriti o Waitangi and supporting members to be culturally safe and competent through the General Practice Education Programme, and the Division of Rural Hospital Medicine Training Programme.

Our members provide effective care to their wider community. The safety, quality and effectiveness of care provided by 1000 general practices and 24 rural hospitals is determined by the College's Practice Quality Programme, against the Foundation Standard and achievement of Cornerstone modules.

Te Akoranga a Māui is the College's Māori representative group. With more than 200 members, Te Akoranga a Māui is proud to be the first indigenous representative group established in any Australian or New Zealand medical college.

The College and Te Akoranga a Māui welcomes the opportunity to support the Claimant's submissions, namely that the disestablishment of Te Aka Whai Ora without consultation, and without a disclosure of options to replace it, is a failure to operate in partnership with Māori and a failure to meet the Crown's Treaty obligations.

Nāku noa, nā

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