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Tēnā koe Chris

## Your request for official information, reference: HNZ00062529

Thank you for your email on 27 August 2024, asking Health New Zealand | Te Whatu Ora under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act).

*I've requested any information you can provide regarding the progression of locality plans under the Pae Ora Act, noting s55 requires consultation process in formation of them then reporting progress in the annual plan. From your last response it seems there either was no plan in place to progress a locality plan (as requested for Northland) or the absence of any finished plan was used as a reason to not provide other official information that would indicate a process in place.*

*I wish to repeat the request for any information such as a reports, briefs, memos or internal communications which provide an accurate idea of how locality planning is progressing, anticipated timeframes for release, copies of any internal drafts pre-release along with any guidance that has been provided to Te Whatu ora such as from ministers or from Te Whatu ora to localities/DHBs on the progression of said plans.*

*Aside from any continued process of the previous administration, I am particularly interested in any new directives since the current government was formed and guidance relating to consultation with Māori, how 'other entities' and 'appropriate groups' are being decided by HNZ for inclusion and what approach it is taking to include Maori since the removal of the need to consult the Maori health authority. This information is sought so our communities of interest may know how to best advocate for our wellbeing outcomes not necessarily in direct communication with a DHB or on national Maori health kaupapa etc.*

We apologise for the delay in responding to you. Please find a response to each of your questions below.

### Response

Health NZ has not received formal “locality plans” from the 12 locality prototypes, nor was there endorsement of any such plans at the time of the Minister’s 27 February 2024 announcement pausing the localities work.

The 12 locality prototypes undertook to collate “local health and wellbeing priorities” following engagement with their communities. The locality prototypes authored and own these health and wellbeing priority documents.

Throughout the second half of 2023, the locality prototypes presented to Health NZ on the work underway on identifying their local health and wellbeing priorities, but we did not receive copies of this preliminary work. At that point, the next step was to share and validate these priorities within their communities.

The draft plans were being worked on by the locality prototypes at the time the localities work was paused. Three (including Taikarohi, which you enquired about in your initial request) had published their respective plans of their own accord, which are listed here (with the reports electronically linked):

- [Hokonui](#)
- [Taikorihi](#)
- [Te Tara o Te Whai.](#)

For the status of the various plans under development by the other nine locality prototypes, each would need to be individually contacted about this (noting not all have active websites). For your reference, these are: Le Afio'aga o Aotearoa, He Ara Whakapikiora, Toitu Tairawhiti, Toi Rawhiti, Tihei Wairoa, Horowhenua Takiwa, Te Hononga, Te Wahi Tiaki Tatou, and Takiwa Poutini.

Noting the general nature of this request, but that your initial two questions above relate to the localities programme, Health NZ has interpreted the last part of your request to be referring to 'other entities' and 'appropriate groups' as those identified in for consultation in locality plans under sections 55(3)(c) and 55(3)(e) of the Pae Ora (Healthy Futures) Act 2022 (Pae Ora Act).

In response, I can confirm Health NZ has not received any directives or guidance relating to consultation with Māori since 27 November 2023, on how "other entities" and "appropriate groups" are decided by HNZ for inclusion in locality planning. Health NZ's approach to consultation with Māori is provided for through existing and developing Treaty Settlement commitments, and under the Pae Ora Act to:

- Support and engage with iwi Māori partnership boards (section 15), and
- Engage with and report to Māori (section 16A).

## How to get in touch

If you have any questions, you can contact us at [hnzOIA@tewhatuora.govt.nz](mailto:hnzOIA@tewhatuora.govt.nz).

If you are not happy with this response, you have the right to make a complaint to the Ombudsman. Information about how to do this is available at [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or by phoning 0800 802 602.

As this information may be of interest to other members of the public, Health NZ may proactively release a copy of this response on our website. All requester data, including your name and contact details, will be removed prior to release.

Nāku iti noa, nā



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