

# TERMS OF REFERENCE

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InternetNZ is a non-profit organisation, and the home and guardian of .nz – providing the infrastructure, security and support to keep it humming. We use the funding from the sale of .nz domain names to support the development of New Zealand's Internet through policy, community funding, research and events. Our mission is an Internet that is open, secure, and for all New Zealanders.

## Background

InternetNZ's vision is to "help New Zealanders harness the power of the Internet". Within this context the organisation acknowledges the unique position of Māori as tangata whenua and has committed resources to enable the organisation to better reflect the principles of Te Tiriti o Waitangi.

Te Komiti Whakauru Māori was established in 2016 as a sub-committee of InternetNZ's Council, its membership includes three Council members including the President, the Group Chief Executive Officer and Engagement Director.

InternetNZ seeks to establish a Māori Design Group (the Group) to strengthen the organisations capability and understanding of Te Ao Māori while building impactful relationships and partnerships with Māori stakeholders.

By establishing this Group, we acknowledge InternetNZ's history as an organisation grounded in Te Ao Pākehā, and the aspiration of the organisation to establish and maintain connections between Te Ao Māori and Te Ao Pākehā in the context of the Internet, and Te Tiriti o Waitangi.

It also recognises that although two distinct partners bring their own particular perspective to the table, Māori and InternetNZ may share some common aspirations in regards to the Internet, its use and benefits to Māori.

These terms of reference outline the purpose, role and scope of the Māori Design Group.

## Purpose

To help InternetNZ build impactful relationships and partnerships with Māori.

## Role

The role of the Group includes, but is not limited to:

- Providing specialist knowledge of matauranga Māori and its application to our work;
- Identifying opportunities to integrate Māori perspectives and practices into our work (events, policy development, products, technology, community engagement, communications, increasing internal capability etc);
- Sharing cultural perspectives and insights to help develop and shape the organisations strategies, priorities and plans in line with this purpose;
- Facilitating the establishment of relationships and partnerships with Māori stakeholders and communities;
- Assisting InternetNZ to build awareness of who we are and what we can offer members of InternetNZ, Māori stakeholders, and Māori communities;
- Help increase InternetNZ's understanding of the diverse needs and aspirations of the Māori internet community, whānau, hapū and iwi.

## Scope

The Group accomplishes its work through dialogue and discussion at agreed scheduled meetings. It maintains a close working relationship with the InternetNZ Chief Advisor Māori and Te Komiti Whakauru Māori. It is not a governance group, and it is not responsible for management of staff or day-to-day direction of their activities.

Members are appointed on the understanding that they are not obliged or expected to represent their own whānau, hapū or iwi; their geographic communities; their professions or other characteristics. They are appointed to offer their perspectives and knowledge as freely as they wish.

## Membership

Members of the Group will be appointed by the InternetNZ Council on the recommendation of Te Komiti Whakauru Māori.

## Skills and Knowledge

It is anticipated members of the Group will have a range of the following skills and knowledge:

- An advanced understanding of Te Tiriti o Waitangi and Te Ao Māori;
- Fluency in te reo Māori;
- An ability to reach a wide range of Māori stakeholders;
- An understanding of the wider ICT ecosystem within Aotearoa;

- An ability to communicate a Māori perspective at strategic, policy and/or community levels;
- Māori governance and/or leadership experience;
- Knowledge of Māori aspirations and needs in the context of the internet;
- An understanding of the opportunities and challenges within the Māori ICT sector; and
- Technical or professional skills in the fields of iwi development, local government, domain name policy, public policy, Māori business, law, rangatahi, planning or community development, kaumātua, media, and/or philanthropic funding.

## Meetings

<b>Frequency</b>	Quarterly throughout the year (and potentially a number of other InternetNZ functions)
<b>Duration</b>	Half day to full day
<b>Time of day</b>	To be decided
<b>Location</b>	InternetNZ Offices in Wellington & Auckland, with other locations and online as required.
<b>Minutes/note taking</b>	InternetNZ staff.

The Group may convene special meetings additional to the regular meetings should urgent issues arise.

## InternetNZ staff support

InternetNZ staff will provide facilitation and administrative support to all the Groups meetings.

## Decision Making

While it is anticipated that in general, decision making will be by consensus, there is scope for a divergence of opinion to be expressed.

InternetNZ will work together with the Group to implement agreed strategies and projects within budgetary, legal, ethical and policy constraints, and with due consideration to staff health and safety.

## Ownership and Review of the Terms of Reference

The InternetNZ Council approves the Terms of Reference for the Group on the recommendation of Te Komiti Whakauru Māori.

These terms of reference will be reviewed by Te Komiti Whakauru Māori with the input of the Group annually.