



Establishing the Tāngata Whenua Rōpū – recommendations for SWC

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	Actions Sought	Due Date
Hon Marama Davidson, Minister for the Prevention of Family and Sexual Violence	Table recommendations at SWC	20 October 2021

Enclosure: Yes – recommendations for SWC

Recommended Action

We recommend that you:

a **agree** to

Option 1 – table a recommendation seeking in principle agreement from SWC to establish the Tāngata Whenua Rōpū, with a report back to SWC next week for final agreement on the proposal and terms of reference.

Agree/disagree.

OR

Option 2 – table a recommendation seeking agreement from SWC to establish the Tāngata Whenua Rōpū, with the terms of reference not agreed by SWC but finalised by the Minister for the Prevention of Family and Sexual Violence.

Agree/disagree.

b **agree** that Te Kawa Mataaho release this briefing in full alongside planned communications on the launch of the *Te Aorerekura: National Strategy to Eliminate Family Violence and Sexual Violence*.

Agree/disagree.

Hon Marama Davidson

Minister for the Prevention of Family and Sexual Violence

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- 1 We understand the Cabinet paper '*Sustaining a collaborative approach to support the whole-of-government response to eliminate family violence and sexual violence*' has been deferred and will not be considered alongside the National Strategy at SWC on Wednesday. This paper contained a proposal to establish the Tāngata Whenua Rōpū as a Ministerial advisory committee.
- 2 You have asked for advice on options for recommendations to put the establishment of the Rōpū to SWC alongside consideration of the National Strategy. Given this proposal and accompanying terms of reference have not been lodged, we see two options available.

Option 1 – in principle agreement to establish the Rōpū (with further report back on TOR)

- 3 You could table a recommendation that seeks in principle agreement from SWC to establish the Tāngata Whenua Rōpū, and request a further report back to SWC the following week. This report back would give you the opportunity to bring the full proposal and terms of reference to Cabinet for agreement.
- 4 We would draft a short paper to support the further report back. This would take the relevant content from the '*Sustaining a collaborative approach to support the whole-of-government response to eliminate family violence and sexual violence*' and could be lodged this week for consideration by SWC on Wednesday 27 October.
- 5 We have drafted the necessary recommendations (as an appendix) which you could table at SWC to get Cabinet agreement to this report back.

Option 2 – Agreement to establish the Rōpū, with TOR finalised by Minister

- 6 Given that Ministers have already been consulted on the proposal to establish the Rōpū and their draft terms of reference, you could table a recommendation that Cabinet agree to establish the Tāngata Whenua Rōpū, with the ability for you to finalise the terms of reference with the Rōpū.
- 7 This approach would allow you to get final Cabinet agreement to establish the Rōpū tomorrow, without needing agreement to the terms of reference themselves. We have attached (as an appendix) some recommendations to this effect that you could table at SWC.

Comment

- 8 We consider both options are feasible, but option 1 is in our view preferable as it would allow Cabinet better visibility of the intended role and function of the Tāngata Whenua Rōpū and its agreement to the TOR.

Next steps

- 9 Please advise officials of your preferred approach.

OPTION 1

The Minister for the Prevention of Family and Sexual Violence recommends that the Committee:

- 1 **agree** in principle to establish a Tāngata Whenua Rōpū to advise the Minister for the Prevention of Family and Sexual Violence
- 2 **invite** the Minister for the Prevention of Family and Sexual Violence to report back to the Committee next week on 27 October on the role of the Tāngata Whenua Rōpū and the draft terms of reference.

OPTION 2

The Minister for the Prevention of Family and Sexual Violence recommends that the Committee:

- 1 **note** the Minister for the Prevention of Family and Sexual Violence has undertaken consultation with Ministers on a terms of reference for a Tāngata Whenua Rōpū, which has been agreed with a wider Rōpū of Māori family violence and sexual violence leaders from across New Zealand;
- 2 **note** the terms of reference outline the following functions for the Rōpū:
 - a. providing an independent voice on the design and implementation of the strategies and policies aimed at eliminating family violence and sexual violence that impact on whanau, hapū, iwi and hāpori Māori
 - b. monitoring and providing regular advice to the Minister on progress in implementing the National Strategy;
- 3 **agree** to establish a Tāngata Whenua Rōpū to advise the Minister for the Prevention of Family and Sexual Violence, with the terms of reference to be finalised by the Minister for the Prevention of Family and Sexual Violence
- 4 **note** the Minister for the Prevention of Family and Sexual Violence intends to publish the terms of reference alongside planned communications for the launch of *Te Aorerekura: National Strategy to Eliminate Family Violence and Sexual Violence*.