# Video transcript - Intro and karakia: John Whaanga - Health Workforce NZ Dialogue

It is my great pleasure to appropriately open today's proceedings and to welcome you as we begin.

What will no doubt be a day filled with kōrero, discussions wānanga and deep considerations.

Tuatahi ake, I want to thank everyone of you for taking the time out of your weekend to contribute to the dialogue event.

I know many of you work around the clock to support the health and wellbeing of our communities - he tika me mihi atu ki a koutou katoa i runga i tēra, tēna koutou.

The karakia and tauparapara I have just used to open our hui will be familiar to many of you.

It speaks of ngā kete o te wānanga - the three baskets of knowledge They contain what we know, what is unknown, and what we seek.

I share this and I use this karakia because I believe it aligns with the purpose of our dialogue event today.

We are all here because we are passionate about the health workforce in Aotearoa and we want to carve out a pathway forward that addresses current and future health challenges.

We are here because we want to wānanga to share our own kōrero, To whakaaro, to listen to those and others from the sector.

And so today as we come together to dialogue I encourage you to draw on ngā kete o te wānanga.

To discuss what we know about workforce challenges and Opportunities, to consider what we need to know to address them, to consider what we need to aim for - the goals and aspirations for the health workforce both now and in the future.

Even as the three baskets were woven to contain knowledge necessary for human life and development, your insights and whakaaro will be woven together with those gathered through other engagements and used to create a new kete - a health workforce strategy.

This strategy will be critical in addressing health workforce challenges and it will set out a long-term approach to building a sustainable, skilled, and well supported health workforce.

And that is a vision we are collectively pursuing - the development of a system and a the sector that meets the needs of our community - communities for days, decades to come.

Heoi anō tāku Thank you again for being here today to contribute to the dialogue.

In closing I want to share another ki te kōrero with you – nā tō rourou nā taku rourou ka ora ai te iwi.

Through your contribution and mine the People, the workforce, will thrive in the future.

Nā reira kia māia, kia kaha, kia manawanui Tēna anō tātou katoa.