

Briefing for decision

Update on Te Pūhana Ora Iwi-Māori Partnership Board for listing in the Pae Ora (Healthy Futures) Act 2022

Date due to MO: 25 November 2025 **Action required by:** 3 December 2025

Security level: IN CONFIDENCE **Reference:** H2025075780

To: Hon Simeon Brown, Minister of Health

Consulted: Health New Zealand:

Proactive release: This **title** is proposed by the Ministry of Health for proactive release:

Contact for telephone discussion

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Minister's office to complete:

- Approved
 Decline
 Overtaken by events
 Needs change
 Seen
 See Minister's Notes
 Withdrawn

Comment:

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Background

1. Te Pūhana Ora is an emerging Iwi-Māori Partnership Board (IMPB) representing the interests of Ngāti Mutunga and Moriori living in the Chatham and Pitt Islands.
2. The Director-General of Health has assessed the IMPB application of Te Pūhana Ora and was satisfied that they have met the criteria to be formally recognised as an IMPB. Key criteria for being recognised as an IMPB is set out in section 31 of the Pae Ora (Healthy Futures) Act 2022 (the Act).
3. On 13 September 2025, you confirmed that Te Pūhana Ora has met the criteria for recognition and agreed to a draft Cabinet paper and Order in Council being prepared for your review.

Progressing the draft Cabinet paper and Order in Council

4. A draft paper for the Cabinet Legislation (LEG) Committee is attached as **Appendix One** and draft Order in Council is attached as **Appendix Two** for your review and approval for Ministerial consultation.
5. The paper seeks agreement from Cabinet to formally establish Te Pūhana Ora as an IMPB, through Order in Council. The Order in Council would recognise Te Pūhana Ora as an IMPB by amending Schedule 4 of the Act. This approach has been previously agreed by Cabinet [CAB-21-MIN-0378] and is consistent with how other IMPBs have been established.
6. The draft Cabinet paper was sent out for cross-agency consultation on 17 November 2025. The agencies consulted were Health New Zealand, Ministry of Social Development, Ministry of Disabled People, Ministry of Justice, Te Puni Kōkiri and Te Tari Whakatau. No feedback was received.
7. We recommend undertaking Ministerial consultation on the draft Cabinet paper between 26 November 2025 and 2 December 2025. Subject to any feedback from Ministerial consultation, we will provide you with a final draft by 3 December 2025 for approval to lodge. We recommend lodging with Cabinet Office by 10am on 4 December for consideration by Cabinet LEG Committee on 11 December 2025. This would ensure that the commencement date for this IMPB would be 15 January 2026.
8. We consider it important to progress this application quickly given the lack of coverage for this area and significant time taken for the emerging IMPB to be established.

Next steps

9. Following your consideration and approval, the draft Cabinet paper and Order in Council are ready for Ministerial consultation. Talking points supporting your attendance at LEG committee are attached as **Appendix Three**.
10. Subject to Cabinet approval, the Order in Council will be submitted to Executive Council on 16 December 2025 and notified in the New Zealand Gazette on 18 December 2025. The Order is proposed to come into force on 15 January 2026, 28 days after its notification in the New Zealand Gazette, in accordance with the Legislation Act 2019. We will undertake direct communication with Te Pūhana Ora, Health New Zealand and relevant stakeholders once the Order is made.

Recommendations

We recommend you:

- a) **Note** Te Pūhana Ora have met the criteria for being recognised as an IMPB under the Pae Ora (Healthy Futures Act) **Noted**
- b) **Agree** to undertake Ministerial consultation on the draft Cabinet paper between 26 November 2025 and 2 December 2025 **Yes/No**
- c) **Agree** the preferred date for taking this paper to Cabinet Legislation Committee is 11 December 2025 which would see a commencement date for Te Pūhana Ora as an IMPB from 15 January 2026 **Yes/No**
- d) **Note** the Cabinet paper will need to be lodged with Cabinet Office prior to 10am, 4 December 2025. **Noted**



Audrey Sonerson
Director-General of Health
Te Tumu Whakarae mō te Hauora
 Date: 25/11/2025



Hon Simeon Brown
Minister of Health
 Date:

ENDS.