



Maori Economic Development

Introduction

National believes the Government should empower Māori to determine the path of their own development now and into the future. It is not the role of Government to direct Māori development.

To improve outcomes for Māori, National believes the Government should set targets. This enables progress to be measured and allows the Government to be held accountable for their performance. Māori students who achieved NCEA level two, for example, increased markedly when National set targets for educational achievement while in Government. Labour do not believe in targets and have scrapped the targets which saw gains in outcomes for Māori. We will implement targets where inequities persist for Māori.

We recognise COVID-19 has put strain on many whānau. National will invest in wrap around services to build strength, resilience and sustainability across Māori communities.

National will:

- Vigorously focus on improving outcomes and opportunities for Māori.
- Partner with Iwi to focus on the needs of current and future generations.
- Enable Māori, businesses and asset-holders to unleash their potential.

Māori Development

National backs Māori to succeed in all walks of life and pursue their aspirations. We firmly believe this starts with a primary and secondary education that enables young Māori to thrive, and a tertiary education system that provides a range of career options to pursue. It is important the education system teaches and reflects Māori history which includes the option to learn Te Reo. Given the current economic crisis has reduced the number of new job opportunities, it is critical the Government ensures the pathways from

education and training into jobs meet the needs of young Māori.

National will:

- Partner with Iwi organisations to increase employment opportunities for Māori
- Ensure every young Kiwi has the opportunity to learn a second language, including Te Reo Māori.
- Review Government programs that support the delivery of Te Reo education to ensure they are effective and reach all those who wish to learn Te Reo.
- Ensure sufficient support exists for programmes that support people to pronounce Te Reo correctly and confidently.
- Establish targets for the Māori trade training initiative, to ensure graduates have pathways into jobs in the trade sector.
- Establish targets to ensure the public service is focused on improving outcomes for Māori.
- Increase investment in students with additional needs, with more funding being allocated to lower decile schools - benefiting young Māori.
- Re-establish Partnership Schools and aim to open at least 25 new partnership schools by 2023, including schools focussed on specific learners such as Māori and Pasifika.

Māori Economy

The Māori economy is an integral part of our plan to create jobs and get our economy back on track. We acknowledge the Māori economy, like the wider economy, has taken a significant hit from COVID 19. National believes Māori businesses, like all businesses, should not be stifled by over regulation and excessive compliance costs. We will ensure there is an environment that enables Māori businesses to grow and thrive.



National will:

- Complete the reforms detailed in the Te Ture Whenua Māori Bill. This will remove the bureaucracy that impedes decision-making for Māori landowners and unlock its full potential for whānau, hapū and iwi.
- Support Māori governance capability, utilising experienced directors to mentor and support Māori asset-holders and businesses.
- Implement a targeted recruitment campaign to increase Māori representation in growth industries, including digital technologies.

Whānau Ora

National's world leading social investment approach resulted in many initiatives that supported Māori with evidence based interventions to improve the lives of those most in need. Whānau Ora is an important part of National's social investment plan. It supports families define their journey, work towards independence, and pursue their goals. While the exact support it provides is tailored, managing health issues, pursuing further education and life skills as well as developing economic security for Whānau are core focuses of the wrap around support. By placing whānau at the centre of decision making, Whānau Ora supports Māori to build a prosperous future.

Issues continue to be raised by service providers outside of the provider network and families who cannot access Whānau Ora. Proactive steps needs to be taken more to make Whānau Ora accessible in communities throughout New Zealand.

National will:

- Improve the reach of Whānau Ora to communities where it is not yet provided or more difficult to access.
- Review the commissioning agency funding model.
- Work towards equitable access for Pasifika and other families who wish to access Whānau Ora.