# Video transcript - Interview with Kath Makiri, Te Korowai Hauora o Hauraki - Health Workforce NZ Dialogue

Yeah, I live north of Coromandel town, so that's a two-and-a-half-hour drive to Auckland and then a flight down here - down to Wellington.

Thanks.

What was your takeaway from those speeches? Was there anything, any one thing that caught your ear? Um, definitely Riana’s speech, you know, just the visual of the workforce, that yeah, I found that really interesting.

As my colleague said about you know, we're in, you know, in our rohe, maybe we just, you know kind of concentrate on what's happening there sometimes.

And even in our own part of the sector so, you know, Primary Health Care.

It was good to actually hear, you Know, other parts of the sector mentioned in the room.

You don't really consider that sometimes so yeah.

And how are you feeling about the workforce these days? Be honest.

Really worried about the workforce, you know work working in Primary Care.

We have lost clinicians.

We've lost GPS, we've lost nurses, they’ve either left the sector to take up other work and, you know, people have been doing it hard for the last couple of years.

So now they're taking leave or some of us are still getting COVID.

So, you know taking time off work.

So yeah, a little bit worried about the sector if there was to be, you know, another outbreak of some other form of COVID or another disease.

So I don't know whether our health sector would handle, you know, something like that if it was to come along quickly in The not-too-distant future.

So yeah.

Yeah there’s tension around that as well.

What are you looking forward to in terms of those breakout Sessions, and speaking with other organisation s? Really interested in, as Riana mentioned too, about the unregulated workforce.

So kaiawhina at the moment.

Part of my job is to support the kaiawhina that we have working in our organisation and they are a really important part of our service delivery in Primary Health Care.

Because they - I think my colleague Te Awhi mentioned being able to pivot, being able to do so many jobs, you know within the Primary Health Care sector, that kind of does go unrecognized or is not thought about.

You know, they might be little jobs.

But sometimes if the little jobs don't get done.

Then you know, the big jobs can't be done then.

So really the kaiwahina.

And I’m interested in it because I've heard that kaiawhina is being mentioned more and more now and in secondary care as well.

And I wonder what that looks like compared to kaiawhina in the Primary Care setting.

It’s because I know what our kaiawhina, what they currently do, what they're capable, of and how they're able to pivot for one.

And also, just by increasing their training and the opportunities that have been provided to them, how much they're able to you know, support the Primary Care sector.

So yeah, I'm really interested in what's happening in secondary care with the kaiawhina is because the term being used there seems to be a little bit different than what we know it to be in Primary Health Care.

Yeah, thank you.

Definitely yeah.