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Tipa Mahuta
Board Chair
Te Aka Whai Ora | Māori Health Authority

Dear Tipa

Supporting transition of the functions of Te Aka Whai Ora | Māori Health Authority

I would like to thank you and acknowledge the work that Te Aka Whai Ora has done since establishment in 2022.

As we progress towards the disestablishment of the Te Aka Whai Ora, I confirm your priority is to focus and deliver on a smooth transition of functions and staff.

The Pae Ora (Disestablishment of Māori Health Authority) Amendment Bill will shift operational functions for Māori health from Te Aka Whai Ora to Health New Zealand. While this will take formal effect on 1 July 2024, we have progressed with earlier transfer of operational functions and staff to Health New Zealand | Te Whatu Ora and the Ministry of Health | Manatū Hauora, which occurred on 31 March 2024.

I commend the engagement undertaken by Te Aka Whai Ora to support the transition planning process to date. I expect you to continue to work closely with the Ministry of Health and Health New Zealand to ensure a smooth settlement of functions and staff as these bed in.

There are a number of other core functions you have been undertaking, including contributing to the development of the New Zealand Health Plan and supporting iwi-Māori partnership boards. These functions remain important. I expect you to ensure that Health New Zealand and the Ministry of Health are kept well informed of current and projected progress of relationships, programmes, and functions they will be taking over responsibility for to ensure minimal disruption of these core functions through this process.

I expect you to also fulfil your legislative requirements under the Crown Entities Act 2024 and ensure processes are in place to meet all legislative requirements including completion of your 2023/24 Annual Report.

Thank you for your help in ensuring a smooth transition, and the ongoing leadership you are providing to your people and within the sector as we progress through this time of further change.

Yours sincerely



Hon Dr Shane Reti
Minister of Health

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