

## **Elevating MAIHI: MAIHI Ka Ora, the National Māori Housing Strategy and Implementation Plan**

Nau mai, haere mai ki te MAIHI Whare Wānanga 2022.

Since the last Whare Wānanga held in July 2021, we've made progress in elevating Te Maihi o te Whare Māori – Māori and Iwi Housing Innovation Framework for Action (MAIHI) through MAIHI Ka Ora, the Māori Housing Strategy. MAIHI puts te Mauri o te whānau at the centre of all of our responses – the life force of the whānau at the centre to build strength and resilience from within. MAIHI includes both urgent and long-term system responses to critical gaps for Māori in mainstream housing solutions through the 'Respond, Review, Reset' workstreams.

MAIHI Ka Ora was launched in September 2021 with the shared vision that "All whānau have safe, healthy, affordable homes with secure tenure, across the Māori housing continuum." It sets out priority areas, goals and provides an overview of the areas of work that will be undertaken.

The strategy elevates the Māori Iwi Housing Innovation Framework for Action (MAIHI) and uses the framework's 'respond, reset and review' structure to guide the strategic goals for Māori housing over the immediate and long term.

Te Tūāpapa Kura Kāinga developed MAIHI Ka Ora in partnership with Te Puni Kōkiri and Te Matapihi with significant input from National Iwi Chairs and iwi, hapū and Māori around the motū. Strengthening the Māori Crown relationship in the Māori housing sector has been a priority. We need Māori to work alongside us to effectively address the Māori housing crisis we are facing today. You are local, operate at the coalface of the demand and are intrinsically connected to your people and communities.

We wanted the strategy to be easy to read, relatable not just for government departments but for Māori. The Strategy is applied with the framework of a Whare to illustrate the work and achievements to date, the priority areas of focus, and emphasises whānau are at the centre, the importance of the Māori Crown partnership and describes measurable outcomes and targets moving forward.

MAIHI Ka Ora was developed alongside the Government Policy Statement on Housing and Urban Development (GPS-HUD). Developing these key documents together enables us to align strategic direction across the GPS-HUD, MAIHI and MAIHI Ka Ora, as part of setting the long-term direction for the housing and urban system.

MAIHI Ka Ora will be critical in contributing to a better future for whānau Māori. It will set the direction for the next 30 years. Like the GPS-HUD, it will be reviewed at least every three years, to reflect the progress made within the system and respond where there is the most pressing need.

Following the launch of MAIHI Ka Ora, the next step is developing an Implementation Plan to address the shared priority areas in MAIHI Ka Ora. Te Matapihi and Iwi and Māori housing providers have contributed to this work, with a wide range of Government Departments and Agencies providing input to ensure we align work across government.

MAIHI Ka Ora sets out the priority areas, actions, pathways, deliverables, and timeframes. The Implementation Plan will add the following:

- An identification of the lead agency/department for each action: these are the leads that will be responsible for bringing together the different agencies to deliver the action.

- Work programmes: this is a list of work programmes that are underway or will be implemented across government.
- Measurable targets or outcomes: these indicate what each action is expected to deliver.
- An alignment of actions to feedback from Māori: to ensure that both the Crown and our Iwi / Māori partners are clearly represented in the Implementation Plan.
- MAIHI Principles: both MAIHI Ka Ora and the Implementation Plan are grounded by the principles articulated in Te Maihi o te Whare Māori: MAIHI – this ensures that future work continues to be guided by those principles.

In developing the Implementation Plan we have also considered the evidence submitted by claimants and witnesses in Wai 2750. We are partnering with some claimants in our work which ensures their voices were reflected for example in the design of this Implementation Plan. Their kōrero, values, experiences and knowledge reflect that of many other whānau, hapū and marae across the motū.