

Nau mai haere mai!

An invitation to contribute

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How to get involved in contributing
to the National Strategy and Action Plans
to eliminate family violence and sexual violence
in Aotearoa New Zealand

He pōwhiri – an invitation

E āku nui, e āku rahi, e āku whakateitei kei o koutou marae, kei o koutou kainga o te motu, tēnā koutou katoa. Tēnā koutou i roto i ngā tini pāheketanga o te ao takahuri nei, me ōna piki, me ōna heke e kōrorirori nei i ngā whakaaro.

Aotearoa New Zealand should be a safe place for all – which is why we have set a vision to end family violence and sexual violence.

In order for us as Government to deliver this vision – we need to sow the seeds of change. We have been working on changing old approaches to addressing family violence and sexual violence and changing the way we hold our relationships with you – with tangata whenua, and together with communities.

As the newly appointed Minister for the Prevention of Family Violence and Sexual Violence, it has been rewarding to see a number of communities come together to build a relationship with the Joint Venture over the past few months. My hope is that you'll see these discussions have shaped the way this engagement will run – you won't see large government roadshows, we will focus on small, safe, community-led hui, supported by government.

While I acknowledge this work is not fast nor easy to achieve, I appreciate there may be frustration in the slow pace of change – we have had too many reports over too many years that outline family violence and sexual violence, the problem we face, and describe what we need to change to address it. Off the back of these mounting reports I want to now bring us into a live discussion to develop our National Strategy and Action Plans. This will provide a mandate for change, and set out actions plans to help us move forward, together.

I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the Interim Te Rōpū, appointed by the government in 2018 – 2020 as an advisory group of tangata whenua leaders. I am grateful for their work and sharing of deep expertise and knowledge.

Interim Te Rōpū developed and published 'Te Hau Tangata'. Te Hau Tangata is envisioned as a strategy with a Te Aō Māori perspective, to be seen as a resource and shared with everyone. I am grateful to Interim Te Rōpū for sharing Te Hau Tangata as key resource document for this kaupapa and in this engagement.

As Minister for the Prevention of Family Violence and Sexual Violence, I hope you share your thoughts, ideas, and perspectives. Everyone in New Zealand has a part to play, and every community responds to violence differently. That's why we need both universal and focused approaches. I need to understand from you what we focus on first, what we need to strengthen and what kind of support you want to see from Government and other key stakeholders to ensure the National Strategy confirms the changes we need to make together.

At its simplest – What is it that you want me to hear to help you, your whānau, or your community address and stop family violence and sexual violence from happening?

Alongside this invitation, we've prepared an engagement pack for you to respond – whether by yourself, or in a hui or workshop.

I believe that as a country we have the power to stop family violence and sexual violence from being an everyday occurrence. Everyone has the right to be free of violence in their lives. And I know that together we can meet the needs and aspirations of our communities to be safe, well and thriving. I encourage you all to get involved in contributing to our National Strategy and Action Plans.



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Hon Marama Davidson
Minister for the Prevention of
Family and Sexual Violence

He aha ta mātau – what we have understood

This page describes what we have understood from people impacted by family violence and sexual violence; from communities; and from people working to heal, prevent, and respond. What do you think? We would love your feedback.

Where do we want to be?



Our vision is for the end of family violence and sexual violence in Aotearoa New Zealand – so that all people are safe, well, and thriving.

This can only occur when there is a significant increase in prevention and when tangata whenua and communities have the power to lead solutions that meet their needs and aspirations.

How will we work together to achieve the vision?



Oranga whānau

The safety and wellbeing of people, families, whānau, communities is at the centre of all we do



Mauri Ora

Partnerships and the empowerment of tangata whenua, communities, whānau, and families



Healthy relationships

Relationships are based on mutual respect and the mana of everyone involved



Equitable and inclusive

To ensure that people are free from discrimination, receive culturally informed support, and have their inherent dignity and mana upheld

Where should we focus on to make our vision a reality?

Focus Area #1

Recognise te ao Māori

Te ao Māori enables the development of approaches and practices that support enhanced wellbeing and self-determination for whānau.

Focus Area #2

Bring government responses together

People and whānau are supported by integrated community services enabled by government agencies working closely together to reduce barriers and increase safety.

Focus Area #3

Recognise tangata whenua leadership and community-led approaches

The diverse needs of people and whānau are met by flexible services enabled by high trust relationships between tangata whenua, communities and government and shared decision-making on resource allocation. The administrative burden for providers is also reduced.

Focus Area #4

Strengthen workforces to prevent and respond to family violence and sexual violence

People and communities are supported by workforces that are diverse, skilled, resourced and have clearly defined roles in responding to and preventing family violence and sexual violence. Services are shaped to meet specific needs including the history, culture and situation of people and whānau.

Focus Area #5

Increase the focus on prevention

There is greater investment in preventing family violence and sexual violence. All responses heal, strengthen and protect from violence.

Focus Area #6

Develop ways for government to create changes

Government's rules, through legislation and policy, support tangata whenua and community needs. Government actions, through strategies and initiatives, support real change. Government funding and commissioning approaches are flexible and enable shared decision-making.

Focus Area #7

Enable continuous learning and improvement

Learning about what works and what needs to change through the open sharing of data and research insights from diverse perspectives across government, tangata whenua and communities including victim-survivors, to build understanding of family violence and sexual violence.

Me pēhea e uru atu ai tatou – how to get involved

We're working with tangata whenua and communities to reach victim-survivors, people who have used violence, and those helping to eliminate family violence and sexual violence. We're keen to hear all views and ideas – whether you're new to this kōrero, or if you've been a part of the conversation for some time. Here are some ways you can take part.



Freepost your thoughts to Minister Davidson at Parliament – Minister Marama Davidson, Freepost Parliament, Private Bag 18 888, Parliament Buildings, Wellington 6160



By joining the conversation online – complete a survey on [Citizen Space](#) and keep track of progress and what we've learnt during engagement via our website [violencefree.govt.nz](#)



By sending us your thoughts – in writing, attached as a voice recording, or in a video. Email our confidential mailbox Submissions@violencefree.govt.nz



By hosting your own hui or conversation – we are available to support you to engage on your terms in places and ways that work best for you. Contact nationalstrategy@violencefree.govt.nz to request resources like a hui pack to support the organising and running of hui

We will receive, protect your identity, and honour your contributions.

Keeping safe during engagement

We have the following measures in place to ensure you can contribute safely and with privacy.

- We will store your contributions on a secure data system, and will remove any personally identifiable data
- You can submit an anonymous survey response on [Citizen Space](#)
- Specialist support workers are available to attend in-person hui (please contact us to request this support if you are planning to run a hui)
- We will provide information on safety strategies to help plan your event and information on where to get support on our website and at events we are involved in

Ta mātau mahere – our plan

Ka mua, ka muri: learning from what has gone before, as we forge a new way forward.

This page describes the government's plan to incorporate what we hear from communities into a National Strategy and Action Plans.

Foundations of this work

People have shared much with the government already about what works and what doesn't

- The Interim Te Rōpu published **Te Hau Tangata** – the national strategy for eliminating violence
- Through reports like **He Whaipāanga Hou, Puaotē-ata-tu, Ināia Tonu Nei, Enabling Good Lives, Ousting Violence, Glenn Inquiry, Taskforce for Action on Sexual Violence, Backbone Collective report**

The government has been preparing the ground for change

- Set up several multi-agency initiatives
- Established the Joint Venture
- Appointed the Interim Te Rōpu through until June 2020 to give effect to partnership between tangata whenua and the Crown
- Created a new Ministerial position to show leadership support for this kaupapa / purpose is a government priority
- Planning the engagement to develop a National Strategy and Action Plans with tangata whenua and communities

Gather insights

- Gathering what people have previously shared into a library of insights for a draft National Strategy and Action Plans
- All new contributions are organised into themes and actions to form the National Strategy and Action Plans

Work with communities to support hui

- Meetings with communities to work out how the Joint Venture can support ongoing conversations that help shape the National Strategy
- The Joint Venture prepare tools and materials to support community conversations

May – June

Opening event

- An event with Ministers to mark the start of the National Strategy and Action Plans engagement period

Digital conversations

- Following, reading, commenting, and sharing views on Citizen Space and violencefree.govt.nz – these conversations are available for anybody to contribute to

Community-led hui

- These conversations occur as decided by individuals and groups in the community, and held in ways that work for each community
- The Joint Venture may be available to support these conversations to help shape the National Strategy and Action Plans

Tangata whenua

- Tangata whenua will determine how they will be involved

Hui and online conversations are about sharing and gathering further insights for the National Strategy and Action Plans

July – September

Weaving together the draft National Strategy and Action Plans

- Hui held in Pōneke in July
- With local leaders, victim-survivors and community representatives who have been involved in engagement
- Including Pou and independent advisers
- Purpose is to consolidate what has been heard

From October

Delivering the National Strategy and Action Plans

- Delivering the National Strategy and Action Plans – demonstrating tangible change for communities across Aotearoa New Zealand

Continue relationships and conversations



Who is the Joint Venture?

We are ten government organisations working together to set a clear direction to reduce family violence and sexual violence, and to provide strategic whole-of-government advice to Ministers.

Visit violencefree.govt.nz for more information.

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With your basket and my basket,
we will sustain everyone



*Te Tari O Te Pirimia Me Te Komiti Matau (Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet) also provides support to the Joint Venture of the Social Wellbeing Board