



## Joint Venture E-Update – Christmas Edition

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### Introduction from Hon Marama Davidson

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Kia ora koutou

We've made it to the end of 2021 – undoubtedly one of the more challenging years of recent time! The professionalism and dedication of our sector shone through, and I am so proud of how everyone stepped up to support each other.

It's been a huge journey in every sense, but for all of us in the family violence and sexual violence space, we successfully launched Te Aorerekura - the National Strategy to Eliminate Family Violence and Sexual Violence this month. That is, without a doubt, the biggest tick in the 'things achieved' column for 2021.

And it also very clearly marks out the biggest task of 2022 – the need to start delivering on Te Aorerekura. A strategy is crucial, but we all know that real change will come in the implementation and action. Our 40-point Action Plan for Te Aorerekura clearly maps our mahi for the years ahead.

It is important to acknowledge the huge effort that has gone into developing Te Aorerekura and the Action Plan, and all the other crucial work that has been done this year, right across the Joint Venture, the wider sector, and, of course, within the Joint Venture Business Unit.

And that ties into some of what we cover in this Christmas edition of the Joint Venture E-Update.



We've got a new structure that evolves the Joint Venture to a new form to better meet the challenges ahead.

On Monday 13 December, I announced that the Joint Venture will be replaced in 2022 with a new Interdepartmental Executive Board (IEB). It will allow government agencies to work better and more efficiently on the implementation of Te Aorerekura and the overall task of eliminating family violence and sexual violence. You can read more about it below.

We also get to meet the Joint Venture Interim Director, Emma Powell, who started earlier this month, having stepped across from her role as Chief Customer Officer at ACC, a key Joint Venture agency. Emma has a history of commitment to our mahi and will play a key role in the transition to the IEB and the early implementation of Te Aorerekura. Welcome, Emma!

In closing, I want to wish you all a truly restful and peaceful Christmas and New Year. I hope you get to take the break that you all so richly deserve. Hold those dearest to you close. Recharge and refresh; rest and recover. You deserve it! Meri Kirihimete and a happy New Year!

Marama Davidson

**Minister for the Prevention of Family Violence and Sexual Violence**

## **Te Aorerekura – a 25-year path to ending family violence and sexual violence**

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It's launched! We have a 25-year strategy designed to support our collective work. Years of commitment across the Joint Venture and the NGO family violence and sexual violence sectors enabled Te Aorerekura – the National Strategy to Eliminate Family Violence and Sexual Violence – and it was a major milestone having Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern and Minister for the Prevention of Family Violence and Sexual Violence, Marama Davidson launch it on Tuesday 7 December.

Te Aorerekura sets a collective ambition to create peaceful homes where children, families and whānau thrive; to enable safe communities where all people are respected. It will support the wellbeing of our nation and represents an evolution in our journey to address violence in our homes and communities.

Te Aorerekura is different from previous efforts to address family violence and sexual violence because:

- It sets a wellbeing and strength-based vision



- There is a stronger focus on prevention, healing, and the critical role of tangata whenua and community leadership for achieving intergenerational change
- It identifies and responds to the drivers of violence, requiring accountability from people using violence and supporting them to change
- Accountability is required from those responding to violence and the Strategy confirms government has responsibility for keeping people safe
- There is greater acknowledgement of the complexity and diversity of the experiences of people and the timely responses and capability to meet their needs, and
- It brings tangata whenua, communities, the specialist sectors and government together to regularly share knowledge and align actions.

Te Aorerekura provides the framework for our work together, with a 40-point Action Plan setting out the actions different agencies are responsible for. It was designed through deep engagement with tangata whenua, specialists, and communities, and reflects the aspirations of the diverse groups who have shaped it. It sets out the principles that will guide how we work, including equity and inclusion, aroha, tika and pono, kotahitanga, and kaitiakitanga.

Family violence and sexual violence are in every community, and Te Aorerekura needs to support action in every community. In 2022, the Joint Venture will engage further with communities to hear which of the Actions communities want to prioritise working with government on.

You can find Te Aorerekura and the Action Plan in English, Te Reo, Samoan, Tongan, Hindi and Mandarin, or for the disability community in Braille, Audio, Large Print, Easy Read or NZ Sign Language video, at <https://violencefree.govt.nz/national-strategy/>

You can also watch the 7 December launch event at [Joint Venture YouTube](#)

## Te Aorerekura gets a warm welcome

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**Media across the motu reported on the launch of Te Aorerekura. Here's a small sample of the media coverage:**

- [Te Ao Māori](#)
- [NZ Herald](#)
- [Radio New Zealand](#)
- [The Detail, Radio NZ](#)
- [Newshub](#)
- [Stuff](#)



## Next step for the Joint Venture – an Interdepartmental Executive Board

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On 13 December – just six days after the launch of Te Aorerekura – Minister for the Prevention of Family Violence and Sexual Violence, Marama Davidson, announced that the Joint Venture will be moving to a new structure in 2022, as an Interdepartmental Executive Board (IEB).

“The new Executive Board for the Elimination of Family Violence and Sexual Violence replaces the current Joint Venture and will be responsible for leading the collective action needed to deliver Te Aorerekura, which I launched last week.

“The Executive Board uses the same accountability mechanisms that exist between a chief executive and a Minister but enables joint responsibility for collective work. This means that chief executive and board members have joint responsibility for the operation of the board. It helps strengthen the collective commitment of chief executives to priorities that span multiple agencies’ responsibilities,” Minister Davidson said.

The agencies involved in the IEB will be:

- 1 Department of Corrections
- 2 Ministry of Education
- 3 Ministry of Health
- 4 Ministry of Justice
- 5 Ministry of Social Development
- 6 New Zealand Police
- 7 Oranga Tamariki
- 8 Te Kawa Mataaho Public Service Commission
- 9 Te Puni Kōkiri

ACC will be an independent advisor to the Board.

You can find the full press release on [The Beehive website](#)

## So just what is an IEB?

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An Interdepartmental Executive Board (IEB) is a board of public service chief executives. It is a new model of public service agency, designed to draw together chief executives to deal with complex issues that have impacts and policy levers that sit across a wide range of portfolio areas.

These complex issues cannot be solved by a single agency. This model brings together chief executives of affected or contributing departments to work collectively. The board of chief



executives aligns strategic policy, planning and budgeting around the shared issues within the remit of each of the chief executives' agencies.

Responsibility for delivery activities that contribute to the board's priorities would remain with individual departments.

A Minister is assigned responsibility for the board. Members of the board are jointly responsible to that Minister for the board's functions (this relationship could be managed by the Chair of the board). This is similar to the way Crown Entity boards operate.

## Call for nominations – Tangata Whenua Advisory Group

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On behalf of the Minister for the Prevention of Family Violence and Sexual Violence Marama Davidson, the Kaitiaki Rōpū is calling for nominations to the Tangata Whenua Ministerial Advisory Group.

The purpose of the Ministerial Advisory Group is to provide the Minister for the Prevention of Family Violence and Sexual Violence with independent advice on family violence and sexual violence.

The Tangata Whenua Ministerial Advisory Group will:

- Align with the National Strategy, Te Aorerekura, by supporting the development and implementation of intergenerational focussed strategies.
- Provide advice to ensure that a te ao Māori lens is interwoven into the fabric of the National Strategy and action plans
- Have the skills and expertise to offer strategic advice on the design and implementation of government family violence and sexual violence policies and initiatives that impact on whānau, hapū, iwi and hāpori Māori.
- Be a representative voice for whānau, hapū, and hāpori.
- Leverage relationships with relevant kaupapa Māori networks and/or organisations and connect across sectors.

To nominate a person for the Tangata Whenua Rōpū, please complete the following nomination form and email to [kaitiakiroopuu@nnsvs.org.nz](mailto:kaitiakiroopuu@nnsvs.org.nz):

Nomination form: [Tangata Whenua Ministerial Advisory Group \[DOCX, 46 KB\]](#)

Nominations close at 5pm on Monday 28 February 2022.

View the Terms of Reference: [Terms of Reference – Tangata Whenua Ministerial Advisory Group \[DOCX, 64 KB\]](#)



## Safety messages for the festive season

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Sadly, Christmas and New Year can be a stressful and unsafe time for many people. Below are messages you can use on your own channels, to support people to get help. Please share them to help people stay safe during this time.

Following on from [the COVID-19 lockdown safety messages](#) we produced earlier this year we have put together some safety messages for people as we head into the holiday season.

### Safety messages for the festive season:

- When you see friends, whānau and family over Christmas, check in on their wellbeing. If you notice a change in their behaviour or you are worried about their safety, ask if they are OK. No-one should be hurt or feel fearful, threatened or harassed.
- If you or someone else is being hurt, controlled or is fearful, you can support them to get help.
  - For family violence help contact: the family violence information line on 0800 456 450 or web chat for support and information about services near you. <https://www.areyouok.org.nz/>
  - For sexual abuse help contact: Safe to Talk — the sexual violence helpline. Call 0800 044 334, text 4334 or email [support@safetotalk.nz](mailto:support@safetotalk.nz). <https://www.safetotalk.nz/>
  - If you or someone else is in danger call the Police on 111.
- Family violence and sexual violence, including child abuse can escalate during the holiday period. If you or someone else is in danger call the Police on 111.
- When you're enjoying yourself this summer, remember - if they're out of it, they're not up for it. Make good decisions around alcohol, sex and consent and look after for your mates. If you or someone else is in danger call the Police on 111.
- Family violence and sexual violence crisis and support services are still open and want to help. It's OK to ask for help at any time you don't need to wait for a crisis. If you or someone else is in danger call the Police on 111.
- Are you worried that someone is being hurt or abused? You can do something. Let the person know that help is available and support them to contact one of options below.
  - For family violence help contact: the family violence information line on 0800 456 450 or web chat for support and information about local services near you. <https://www.areyouok.org.nz/>
  - For sexual abuse help contact: Safe to Talk — the sexual violence helpline. Call 0800 044 334, text 4334 or email [support@safetotalk.nz](mailto:support@safetotalk.nz). <https://www.safetotalk.nz/>



- People in COVID-19 isolation (whether MIQ or self-isolation) can still get help if they feel unsafe. No-one should be hurt or feel fearful, threatened or harassed. If you or someone else is in danger call the Police on 111.

You can also find the [earlier COVID-19 safety messaging](#) from our **September JV E-Update** at

And [more recent work around the safety of older people](#) in our last issue at:

## Emma Powell – Interim Director of the Joint Venture

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Emma Powell started in the role of Interim Director this month, coming from ACC, having been a member of the Deputy Chief Executives' (DCEs) governance group and having chaired the Prevention DCEs sub-group of the Joint Venture.

Prior to becoming Interim Director, Emma spent over a decade in a range of senior and executive roles at ACC, spanning health procurement and service design, strategy, governance, injury prevention and customer experience and operations.

She has worked to build positive and sustainable partnerships across multiple government agencies, sectors and communities for improved harm reduction and injury prevention, and during her time at ACC, she has been at the forefront of the organisation's commitment to delivering better outcomes for Māori customers and whanau.

During her time as ACC's Strategy Manager for Sexual Violence, Emma led the end-to-end transformation of how ACC manages sexual violence claims and therapy services.

Emma has a clinical background and a Masters in Communication Disorders.



## About the Joint Venture

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Nine core agencies make up the Joint Venture (JV) to provide cross-agency leadership who is committed to delivering meaningful change in responses to family violence and sexual violence.

The agencies aim to stop the intergenerational nature of family violence and sexual violence, improve our Māori-Crown partnership associated with these forms of violence, and transform how Government operates.

The JV reports to the Minister for the Prevention of Family Violence and Sexual Violence, Hon Marama Davidson.

Visit our website at [www.violencefree.govt.nz](http://www.violencefree.govt.nz) or contact us at [familyandsexualviolence@justice.govt.nz](mailto:familyandsexualviolence@justice.govt.nz)