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Consultation on the Education and Training (Teaching Council Fees and Costs) Amendment Bill

We are pleased to provide comment to the Education and Workforce Committee on the Education and Training (Teaching Council Fees and Costs) Amendment Bill

About Te Rito Maioha Early Childhood New Zealand

Te Rito Maioha Early Childhood New Zealand (ECNZ) is an Incorporated Society of members committed to high quality early childhood education for every child. Established in 1963, the organisation is an influential leader in shaping today's early childhood sector through advocacy, policy, tertiary education qualifications and professional development programmes.

We advocate for early childhood education services and the teachers|kaiako who provide education to thousands of infants, toddlers, and children|tamariki. Our members are drawn from a diverse range of community-based, privately-owned, kindergarten and homebased early childhood education services.

Te Rito Maioha is also a registered Private Training Establishment (PTE) with the highest Category One rating for a tertiary provider. We are accredited and approved by New Zealand Qualifications Authority (NZQA) to deliver a range of undergraduate, graduate, and postgraduate qualifications (levels 4-9), including specialist teacher|kaiako education, both nationally and internationally.

We are committed to achieving high-quality teaching and learning by:

- increasing teachers'|kaiako knowledge of Te Tiriti o Waitangi and Aotearoa New Zealand's dual cultural heritage;
- providing access to online blended delivery of undergraduate, graduate, and postgraduate tertiary education programmes leading to recognised and approved qualifications;
- promoting quality teaching and leadership through ongoing professional learning and development programmes;
- providing a range of unique resources and services to our members.

General Comments

We are in support of the proposed Bill. These changes give some validity to the Teaching Council's role and why they exist.

One of the challenges the Teaching Council has in trying to deliver their mandate is that they have no influence over their current funding. This Bill will enable that.

For the Teaching Council to remain fit for purpose and deliver high quality services to the profession, they need to be able to set fees, and/or other revenue opportunities that adequately fund their functions as stated in the Education and Training Act.

While teachers understand the importance of their Teaching Council and the teaching profession including the standards they (Teaching Council and teachers) need to uphold, it is important that

registration and membership with the Teaching Council is affordable and that teachers receive value from their fees.

Make submission to the Education and Workforce Committee by Sunday 22 August 2021.

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