

Repeal of section 7AA: Cabinet paper summary and talking points

To Hon Karen Chhour, Minister for Children			
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Purpose

- 1 This Aide Memoire provides a summary of the Cabinet Paper for the repeal of section 7AA and talking points for the Social Outcomes Committee meeting on 27 March 2024.

Cabinet Paper Summary

- 2 The Cabinet Paper seeks agreement to draft a Bill to repeal section 7AA of the Oranga Tamariki Act. It lays out your vision that all children and young people are in loving and stable homes. It also expresses your concern that section 7AA has created a conflict for Oranga Tamariki when making decisions in the best interests of the child or young person.
- 3 The paper proposes repealing section 7AA of the Act to ensure that Oranga Tamariki becomes more child-centric and focused on promoting the well-being and best interests of children in need of care.
- 4 A repeal of section 7AA will not stop the consideration of cultural well-being of children and young people in the care of Oranga Tamariki. Strategic partnerships with iwi and Māori organisations will continue, and the repeal would not prevent Oranga Tamariki from entering into further strategic partnership agreements with iwi or Māori organisations.
- 5 The Regulatory Impact Statement (RIS) that has been prepared by Oranga Tamariki advises that this change is unlikely to achieve the objective that you are seeking.
- 6 Talking points are attached to this Aide Memoire as Appendix One.

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Deputy Chief Executive, System Leadership
Date signed: 20 March 2024

Hon Karen Chhour
Minister for Children
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