

Māori Health Committee

(August 2026)

Terms of Reference

Refer to HRC Act 1990 (Sections 21-22).

Membership Composition

Section 23 of the HRC Act 1990 states:

1. *The Māori Health Committee shall consist of seven members.*
2. *The members of the Māori Health Committee –*
 - (a) *shall be appointed from time to time by the Council; and*
 - (b) *may include both members of the Council and persons who are not members of the Council.*
3. *In appointing members of the Māori Health Committee, the Council shall have regard to –*
 - (a) *their personal attributes; and*
 - (b) *their ability to contribute to the discharge of the functions of the Māori Health Committee.*
4. *The chairperson of the Māori Health Committee shall be a member of the Council from time to time appointed for the purpose by the Council.*
5. *Subject to subsection (6) of this section, every member of the Māori Health Committee shall be appointed for a term of three years but may from time to time be reappointed.*
6. *Upon the completion by any person of two consecutive terms as a member of the Māori Health Committee, that person shall cease to be eligible for reappointment as a member of that committee until after the lapse of three years during which that person did not hold office as a member of that committee.*

Term of Office

(Refer to HRC Act 1990) (Section 23).

Process for Appointment of Membership

The Council taking into consideration the matters referred to in Part 1 Section 23 (3) of the HRC Act 1990 and consulting with the Committee, appoints members. The Chief Executive formally invites the proposed member recommended by the Committee and confirmed by Council.

Current Membership	Date of Appointment	End of Term	Expertise	Location
Associate Professor Annabel Ahuriri-Driscoll	05.2022	05.2025	Māori health, Community health, Health determinants, Indigenous populations, Kaupapa Māori research, Qualitative health research	Christchurch
Reappointment	05.2025	05.2028		
Dr Logan Hamley (Co-opted member)	10.2024	10.2026	Psychology, Kaupapa Māori research, rangatahi Māori health and wellbeing, takatāpui health and wellbeing, cultural identity and wellbeing, structural transformation to address oppression in health contexts	Auckland
Dr Kimiora Henare	05.2022	05.2025	Oncology, Biology, Immune Cells, Immunology, Macrophage polarization, Anti-tumour immunity, Māori health, Māori engagement in clinical cancer genomics	Auckland
Reappointment	05.2025	05.2028		
Associate Professor Paula King	09.2024	09.2027	Public Health Medicine, Kaupapa Māori epidemiology, qualitative research and ethical co-designing, impacts of racism, ableism and disablism, state care, youth justice residence and prisons on hauora Māori	Wellington
Dr Naomi Simmonds	11.2022	11.2025	Kaupapa Māori research, Whānau wellbeing, Hapū and tamariki ora, Land-based learning, Tribal environmental management, Climate change, Māori understandings and experiences of pregnancy and childbirth	Gisborne
Reappointment	11.2025	11.2028		
Dr Kendall Stevenson (Co-opted member)	10.2024	10.2026	Flourishing wellbeing for wāhine, pēpi Māori, and whānau, Kaupapa Māori research, qualitative research, cervical cancer screening inequity and improvement, indigenous health	Wellington

Associate Professor Isaac Warbrick	04.2023	04.2026	Māori Health, Environment and Health, Modern Applications of Traditional Knowledge, Exercise physiology	Hamilton
Reappointment	04.2026	04.2029		

Secretary:	Ms Le-Shan Pomana-Wesley
Quorum:	Four
Meetings per annum	Four to five
Explanatory Notes	An amount of \$200.00 for koha can be given towards hui expenses at the Chair's discretion (Refer HRC Council minutes August 1991)
Reports to:	Council
Established by:	HRC Act 1990
Reviewed:	
Disbanded:	