

Te Tautuhi ō Rongo



What is Te Tautuhi ō Rongo?

- Te Tautuhi ō Rongo means to listen, consider, and analyse deliberately before speaking, writing and advising.
- It is underpinned by a positive reading of Te Tiriti/the Treaty. The axes of the framework correspond to the articles and principles of Te Tiriti/the Treaty.
- The framework assists users to consider how Treaty based rights and responsibilities apply when exploring an issue, or opportunity, developing or implementing policy, improving regulation or engaging with stakeholders.

Te Tautuhi o Rongo

Tangata
Whenua

ŌRITETANGA

Citizens
(Māori &
non-Māori)

RANGATIRATANGA



KĀWANATANGA

Iwi &
Hapū

PARTNERSHIP

Crown

Discussion Prompts

- What stands out to you about the framework?
- How is this different from other policy tools or Treaty frameworks you've used?
- When you are at work, where would you place yourself on this Framework? Why would you place yourself there?

Case Study



Regional Investment Programme Review

Michael is a Principal Policy Analyst at New Zealand's Ministry of Economic Development. He has been asked to lead a strategic review of the Government's regional investment programme, which was designed to stimulate economic growth in underdeveloped, provincial areas.

Recent reports show mixed results: while some regions have experienced strong growth, others have seen limited impact. The Minister for Economic Development wants to understand whether the current investment model is delivering equitable and sustainable outcomes, particularly for Māori-owned enterprises and rural communities.

As Michael begins his review, he hears through the kumara vine that several people in his community attempted to apply for funding through the regional investment programme but were declined. Not because their ideas lacked merit, but because they struggled with the complexity of the application process. This raises a red flag for Michael - if members of his community are facing these barriers, how many other Māori entrepreneurs are being unintentionally excluded?

Case Study Discussion Prompts

- Who are the representative communities affected by this kaupapa and who needs to be engaged with?
- Are any parts of the framework in tension?
- What might be a better engagement approach, and why?
- What is Te Ngako – the desired outcome?

Next steps

- Complete Te Tautuhi ō Rongo learning on the Public Service Core Learning Hub