

Hōkai Tapuwae Reports

Information for Defendants



If you identify as Māori, Hōkai Tapuwae is a service that can help a judge understand your background better.

What is Hōkai Tapuwae?

- It is a kaupapa Māori kōrero (conversation) with a Māori provider.
- **Te Whare Tapa Whā** (wellbeing cornerstones, see below) guides the kōrero.
- A time to talk about **your place in Te Ao Māori**.
- Following the kōrero, a report is written to help you see your **cultural strengths** which may enhance your **cultural identity**.
- This report can be provided to a judge at the time of your sentencing as an alternative to a Section 27 cultural report.

Who is Hōkai Tapuwae for?

- To participate in Hōkai Tapuwae you must **identify as Māori***, guilt must be established, and you must provide consent which your lawyer will ask you for so you can be **referred**.
- There is no need for you to understand te reo Māori (Māori language), Tikanga Māori, or know your whakapapa (genealogy) or marae.

*Unfortunately this does not include Cook Island Māori

Why would you want to take part in a Hōkai Tapuwae report?

- A Hōkai Tapuwae report can add to the information in a Provision of Advice to the Courts (PAC) Report to provide a balanced view of you to the Judge supporting the **best outcome for you, your whānau and your community**.
- Hōkai Tapuwae can help you explore your cultural identity and whakapapa.
- It can be a journey of discovery.
- If opportunities are identified under a taha (cornerstone) during the kōrero, the report will provide **self-managed next steps** that focus on your whānau, wairua, hinengaro, tinana, and your Te Ao Māori.
- This is an opportunity for you and/or your whānau to **have your voice heard**.
- Hōkai Tapuwae is fully funded by Ara Poutama Aotearoa / Department of Corrections.

Who can you talk to about having a Hōkai Tapuwae report available for sentencing?

- Your lawyer can support you to request Hōkai Tapuwae at the time you plead guilty or are found guilty in Court.

Te Whare Tapa Whā

Taha Whānau: Family & social wellbeing

Taha Wairua: Spiritual wellbeing

Taha Hinengaro: Mental & emotional wellbeing

Taha Tinana: Physical wellbeing

Te Ao Māori: How you see yourself in your Māori world



The Hōkai Tapuwae Process

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“A dedicated space where I can talk about myself and my whānau”

“He waahi ka tāea ahau ki te kōrero mōkū ake me tōku whānau”

01 Request for Hōkai Tapuwae



- Hōkai Tapuwae report is requested by you, through your lawyer
- You provide consent to your lawyer, who provides this to Ara Poutama Aotearoa / Department of Corrections
- The referral is made to the provider

02 Kōrero completed



- A Māori provider will call you and make an appointment to complete the kōrero
- You and the provider meet to kōrero. The provider will record the kōrero and this recording will be deleted when the report is complete
- When the kōrero is complete, the provider will write the report

03 Report completed



- When the report is complete, it will be sent to your lawyer. You can request a copy from your lawyer
- The Judge will use the information in the report (and any other reports available e.g. Provision of Advice to the Courts (PAC Report) in your sentencing
- A copy of your report will remain on your file to support you any time you are working with Ara Poutama Aotearoa / Department of Corrections



Feedback Session

- If there are things in the report you don't understand, ask your lawyer to organise a feedback session with the provider