



dapaanz
fostering excellence in addiction practice

Te Kowhao

Dapaanz Te Tiriti o Waitangi Policy

**Whai kai ano tetahi taha, whai tao ana tetahi taha;
whakatika tonu mai te whai tao, ka mate ko te whai kai**

Pursue food with one part (of you) and pursue the spear with the other;
always pursue the spear and pursuit of food will suffer

In June 2016 the dapaanz board agreed to strengthen dapaanz's response and approach to Te Tiriti o Waitangi. This was done not just in acknowledgment of the mana status of Māori, and commitment to increase Māori participation in leadership; but additionally in acknowledgment of Māori as a key partner in the vision for the advancement of dapaanz and the addiction sector.

Whakapapa

Māori pedagogy concerning creation and the beginning of time starts with **lo matua kore**, the Parentless who was the Always Existent without beginning or end, who then begat **lo-Taketake**, the foundation of all – from which all things originate. Taketake begat **Te Korekore** (the void), the infinite realm of the formless and undifferentiated, but 'potential being'. Korekore begat **Te Kowhao** (the Abyss), and together they lay down the foundation of all things.

The purpose of this policy is to provide direction and guidance to enable dapaanz to fulfill its obligations and responsibilities under Te Tiriti O Waitangi.

Guiding Principles

- **Mātauranga Māori (Education)**
- **Tikanga Matatika (Ethics)**
- **Mana Motuhake (Autonomy)**

Dapaanz will demonstrate the guiding principles with mana, tika and pono.

Dapaanz acknowledges the Tiriti 'signified partnership and interests of Māori'.

Dapaanz will ensure that its Māori membership, its bodies and working groups demonstrate Māori interests with the most confidence.

Dapaanz will actively protect the interest of Māori.

- Dapaanz demonstrates active protection of Māori customs, beliefs and the use of taonga in accordance with the guiding principles.

Dapaanz should make informed decisions

- in order to act reasonably and in good faith, dapaanz must make sure it is informed in making decisions relating to Te Tiriti o Waitangi

Dapaanz will ensure that the guiding principles related to Te Tiriti o Waitangi are conveyed through the appointed Pou Whakarae to provide advice to the complaints and other critical

committees, to support their outcomes and recommendations.

Dapaanz ensures that Te Tiriti o Waitangi will mitigate reasonable and equitable solutions on the governance and operations, in accordance with its chosen policy.

Dapaanz in accordance with its Māori membership and Māori Addictions Leadership Caucus ensures the appointment of the Pou Whakarae as a voting member of the dapaanz board.

Dapaanz will ensure that the voice of Māori is protected and a legal and ethical obligation will be protected in the Constitution.

Dapaanz seeks to review its responsiveness to Te Tiriti O Waitangi – every two years.

Dapaanz will promote cultural fluency/competency to its members through continuing professional development.