

Maori in Libraries and Information Management.

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Digital Strategy 2.0 Submission
Digital Development Group
Ministry of Economic Development
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Tena koutou katoa,

Thank you for providing us with the opportunity to provide a submission on the Draft Digital Strategy 2.0. We congratulate you on the redrafting of the Digital Strategy.

Te Roopu Whakahau is an organisation, which unites Maori librarians and information specialists in Aotearoa, New Zealand.

Collaboration

Te Roopu Whakahau supports the addition of Collaboration as an enabler of the Digital Strategy. However there is a concern of how the Digital Strategy 2.0 will collaborate/consult with Maori. The areas of concern involve access rights, Te Roopu Whakahau believe that Maori should determine the management/ dissemination of their knowledge(old and new) and/or tikanga issues around matauranga Maori & taonga tuku iho.

Te Roopu Whakahau noted the scholarships being provided for Maori students involving ICT and support this. However the benefits of these scholarships may not be realised for a number of years. Te Roopu Whakahau would have more confidence in the Digital Strategy 2.0 if a policy framework outlining tikanga concepts was introduced. For these reasons Te Roopu Whakahau would like to be considered for representation on the forum.

Achieving our Digital Potential

We suggest that for many Maori organisations to effectively contribute to the realisation of this strategy, capability funding is required.

Te Roopu Whakahau urges the Ministry of Economic Development to recognise Te Roopu Whakahau's position statements relating to New Zealand Digital Strategy

1. Free and greater access for Maori to Information and Communication Technologies (ICT), to ICT learning initiatives and to information products and services
2. The use of Maori service providers in the provision of access for Maori to ICT, to ICT learning initiatives and to information products and services

3. Further funding and professional support to Maori service providers in the provision of access for Maori to ICT, to ICT learning initiatives and to information products and services
4. Free and greater access for Maori people and communities to ICT.
5. The creation of a uniquely New Zealand digital framework which is based on our unique perspective in accessing information and is supplied with unique New Zealand content
6. The bi-cultural management of the digital framework and its content
7. The meaningful use of the [Treaty of Waitangi](#) in the Digital Strategy

Te Roopu Whakahau is a organisation partner to the National Digital Forum who:

1. Advocates for the appropriate use of Maori information and knowledge in digital projects
2. Promotes digital projects and developments, which benefit Maori communities and support the revitalisation of Maori people and culture.

We are happy to be consulted on any follow-up issues or queries you may have from this submission. Our contact details are:

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