



**METHODIST
ALLIANCE**
NGĀ PURAPURA WETERIANA

**Submission to the Finance and
Expenditure Committee
on the
Tax Principles Reporting Bill
9 June 2023**



1. Ko wai tātou | Who we are

The Methodist Alliance is a formal alliance of Methodist Missions, parishes and community based social services and trusts, including cooperating ventures. This grouping constitutes a major provider of a range of services for tamariki/children, rangatahi/young people, and their families/whānau.

The Methodist Alliance brings together a number of large and medium social service providers such as Lifewise in Auckland, Methodist City Action in Hamilton, Palmerston North Methodist Social Services, Wesley Community Action in Wellington, Christchurch Methodist Mission, Methodist Mission Southern in Dunedin, as well as local community services provided by individual parishes. It includes new social service organisations, such as Siaola Vahefonua Tongan Methodist Mission; Puna'Oa - the Samoan Methodist Mission that operates within the Samoan Synod of the Methodist Church; and Te Taha Māori.

Ka whakahōnore mātou i tō mātou whakahoatanga Tiriti – we honour our Tiriti partnership. Te Tiriti o Waitangi is the covenant establishing our nation on the basis of a power-sharing relationship. It is the foundation for social, economic and political equality in Aotearoa New Zealand.

The Methodist Alliance is grounded in our commitment to Te Tiriti o Waitangi and the bi-cultural journey of the Methodist Church of New Zealand - Te Hāhi Weteriana o Aotearoa, where Te Taha Māori and Tauīwi work in partnership. We claim the right bestowed by Article Four of Te Tiriti o Waitangi:

“E mea ana te Kawana ko ngā whakapono katoa o Ingarangi, o ngā Weteriana, o Roma, me te ritenga Māori hoki e tiakina ngatahitia e ia.”

“The Governor says the several faiths of England, of the Wesleyans, of Rome, and also the Māori custom shall alike be protected by him.”

The Methodist Alliance and our member organisations work collaboratively to achieve our vision of a just and inclusive society in which all people flourish, through our commitment to our faith and Te Tiriti o Waitangi.

2. Tirohanga Whānau | Overview

The Methodist Alliance welcomes the opportunity to provide feedback on the Taxation Principles Reporting Bill.

We generally support the kaupapa of this Bill.

We tautoko the submission from the New Zealand Council of Christian Social Services (NZCCSS) and the recommendations they raise for consideration.

3. Taunakitanga | Recommendations

The Methodist Alliance supports the recommendations made by NZCCSS in their submission on this Bill. They are:

- 3.1 A genuine, long-term plan be developed and funded to improve the tax literacy of New Zealanders.
- 3.2 The Bill includes a requirement for reporting using the principles to also incorporate Treasury's Wellbeing Framework, and a published response to any findings to be measured against the articles of Te Tiriti o Waitangi.
- 3.3 Include a requirement for review of the tool and prepare for appropriate funding to be allocated to allow for this to occur.
- 3.4 The inclusion of the principles of transparency and social equity.
- 3.5 Inland Revenue widens their engagement with the public.

4. Whakarāpopototanga | Summary

The Methodist Alliance recommends fine tuning this Bill to incorporate the recommendations made by NZCCSS which we tautoko.

The Methodist Alliance does not wish to appear in support of this submission. However, we are willing to meet with the Committee or officials advising it if the Committee considers that would be of assistance.

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